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IF I WERE ALLOWED TO CHANGE THE ONE WISH I MADE...
...I WOULDN'T EVEN NEED TO THINK ABOUT IT. I'D WISH MY FAMILY'S LIVES WERE SAVED TOO.

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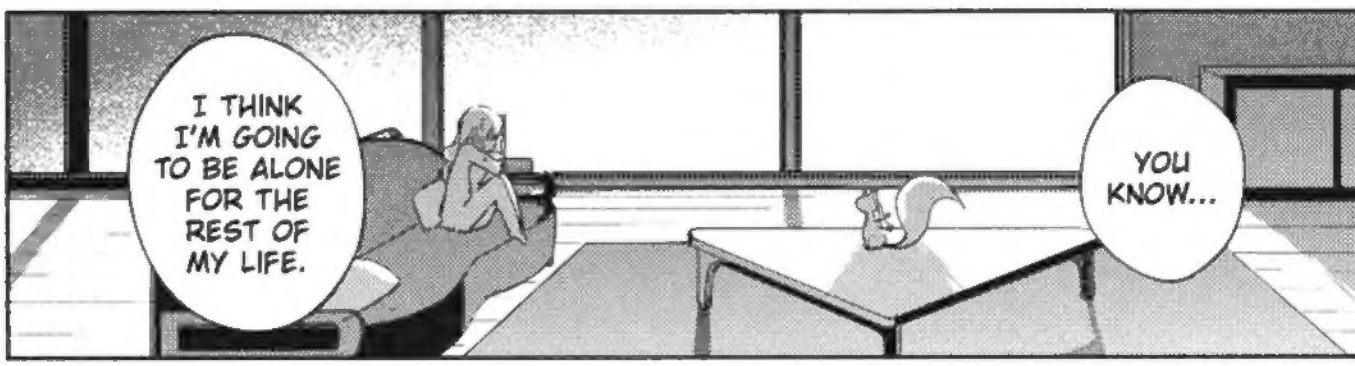

I THINK I'M GOING TO BE ALONE FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.
YOU KNOW...

IF I HAD ONLY WISHED FOR MY FAMILY TO BE SAVED ...
...THEN THE TWO OF THEM WOULD PROBABLY BE ALIVE TODAY...

WHY DID I MAKE A WISH LIKE THAT...?

WHAT GOOD IS IT TO BE SAVED ALONE ...?
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO FROM HERE ON?
YOU WILL FIGHT, MAMI.
.....
FIGHT?
EXACTLY.
YOUR STRENGTH IS NEEDED.
THE CONTRACT SPARED YOU FROM LOSING YOUR LIFE.
NOW FACE THE FATE OF FIGHTING WITCHES AS A MAGICAL GIRL.

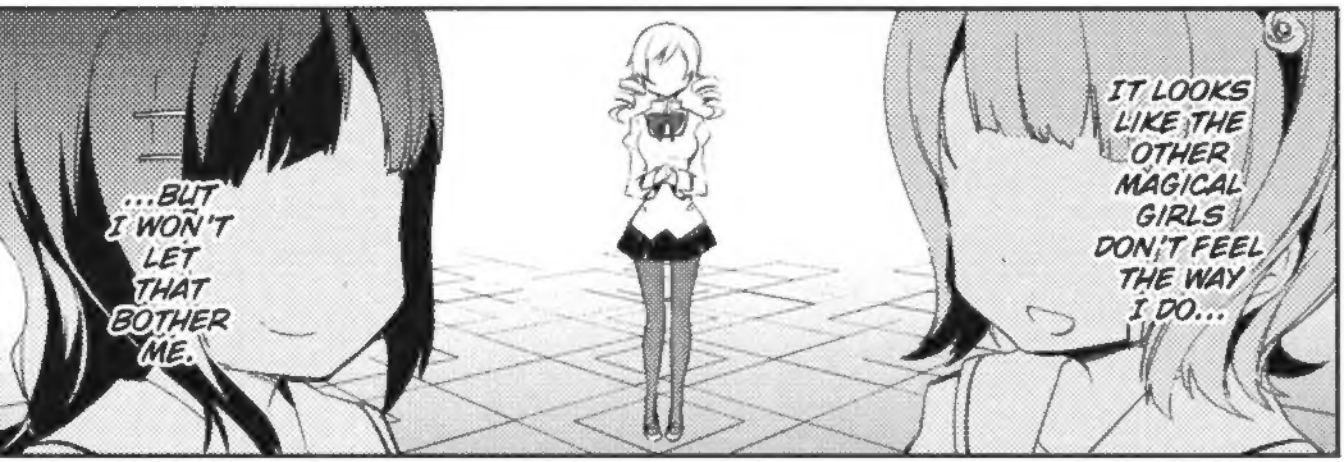
HETA (SWAY)
I WAS SO SCARED. I MADE A LOT OF MISTAKES ...
WELL? HOW DID YOU FEEL ABOUT YOUR FIRST BATTLE?
DO (THUD)
... PHEW ...

BUT...

...THEN I'LL ALSO BE SAVING PEOPLE'S LIVES, RIGHT?
...IF I CAN TAKE OUT THE WITCHES AND THEIR FAMILIARS ...

THAT'S MY DESTINY. I'M SURE OF IT!
...I'D TRY TO SAVE AS MANY LIVES AS I COULD. THAT'S WHAT I DECIDED.
USING THIS MAGIC THAT I GOT FROM KYUBEY'S CONTRACT...

I'LL... KEEP ON FIGHTING!
EVEN MAGIC CAN'T BRING MY PARENTS BACK TO LIFE...
...BUT I GET THE FEELING THAT AS I SAVE PEOPLE, I'LL BE ABLE TO FILL THE HOLE IN MY HEART LITTLE BY LITTLE.


IT LOOKS LIKE THE OTHER MAGICAL GIRLS DON'T FEEL THE WAY I DO...
...BUT I WON'T LET THAT BOTHER ME.

I'M HOPING THAT YOU CAN MAKE ME YOUR DISCIPLE!

...THAT'S BECAUSE I BELIEVE WHAT I'M DOING IS RIGHT.
MAMI-SAN!

SO DAD, MOM, I'LL BE JUST FINE!
YOU CAN'T KNOW HOW HAPPY I WAS TO HAVE A MAGICAL GIRL FRIEND!
I'M NOT ALONE ANYMORE. I'M NOT AFRAID. I'M NOT LONELY!
AND THEN, OUT OF THE BLUE, SHE SAYS SHE WANTS TO BE MY DISCIPLE!
I WAS FLOORED!
I'M GOING BACK TO KAZAMINO.
I'LL BE PROTECTING THIS TOWN WITH MY FRIEND FROM NOW ON...
FROM NOW ON, I'M GOING TO FIGHT MY WAY.

I'M A GIRL WHO WOULD ABANDON SOMEBODY TO A CRUEL FATE...
AND IF YOU SAY YOU'D STILL TEAM UP WITH SOMEBODY LIKE THAT...
...I THINK I'D BE...
...REALLY DISAP-POINTED IN YOU.

... I'LL BE ALL RIGHT...

AFTER ALL, I'M FIGHTING FOR EVERYONE'S SAKE!
SINCE I WASN'T ABLE TO SAVE MY FAMILY'S LIVES, I...
...IT DOESN'T MEAN I HAVE TO CHANGE THE WAY I DO THINGS.
EVEN IF I CAN'T SEEM TO GET ALONG WITH MY FRIENDS...
I CAN DO ALL THIS ON MY OWN.

THAT'S WRONG...
I'M WEAK, BUT I ACT LIKE I'M STRONG. I'M ALWAYS LYING.
I AM IN NO WAY, "ALL RIGHT."
...IS NOT TO ATONE FOR FAILING TO SAVE THE ONES I LOVED MOST...
EVEN CARRYING ON AS A MAGICAL GIRL...
I NEVER WANTED TO BE A HERO.
THE TRUTH IS, I...

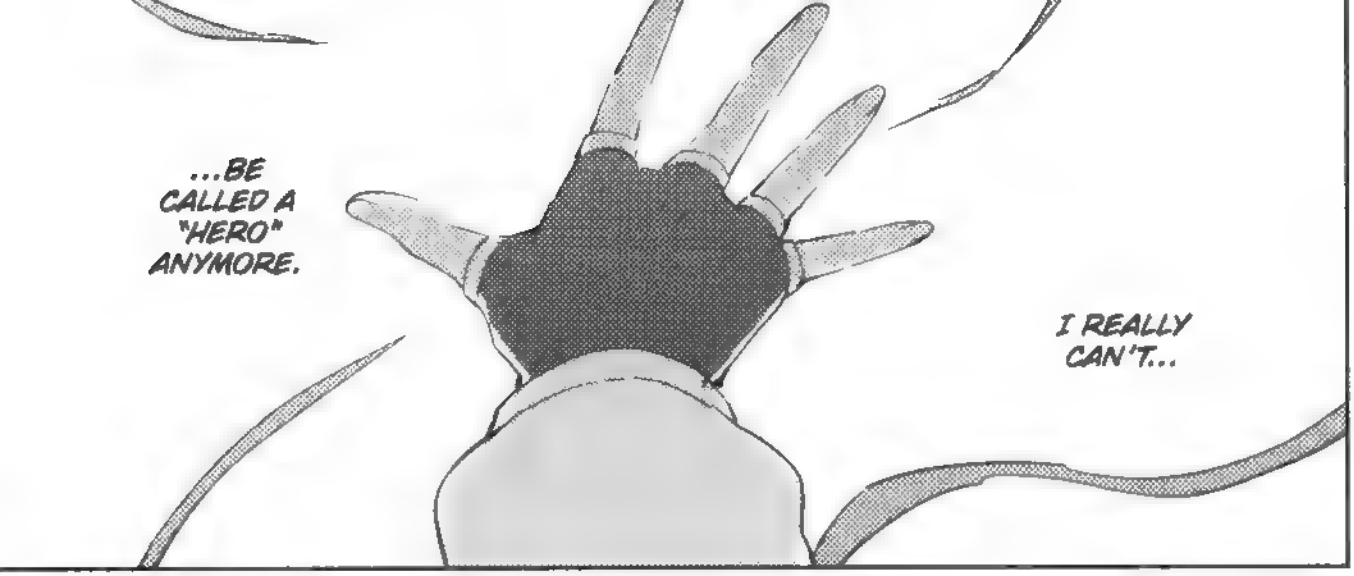
THIS... WAS THE WAY.

...I SEE NOW.

LET'S GO HOME. KANAME-SAN IS WAITING FOR US!
SO!
THERE WAS NO NEED TO GET ALL STRICT AND STUBBORN.
EVEN AS I AM, MIKI-SAN IS ABLE TO ACCEPT ME!
THANK YOU, MAMI-SAN!
I CAN BE WITH THEM FROM NOW ON, AND...
...BUT...

KAAA (FLAAASH)
KI (...CRACK)
SORRY.....
PA (CR...)

I'M SORRY, MIKI-SAN.



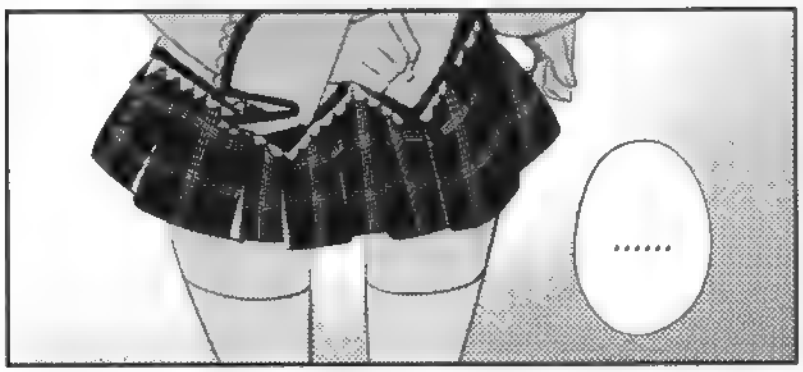
ONCE AGAIN... I FAILED TO STOP A PERSON SO IMPORTANT TO ME FROM LOSING HER LIFE.

MAMI-SAN...?
JA
SPLASH

...I DID SEE MIKI-SAN.

IT STARTED TO RAIN, SO SHE WENT BACK FOR A CHANGE OF CLOTHES...
THEN WE'LL MEET UP TO HUNT WITCHES.
IS THAT RIGHT? THANK GOODNESS...
THEN I'LL COME WITH YOU BOTH...
YES, ABOUT THAT...
...I WAS WONDERING IF TODAY YOU COULD JUST LEAVE IT TO THE TWO OF US.

IT'S MIKI-SAN, YOU SEE...
I THINK SHE FOUND IT HARD TO TELL YOU.
DOKI (BABUMP)
AH.....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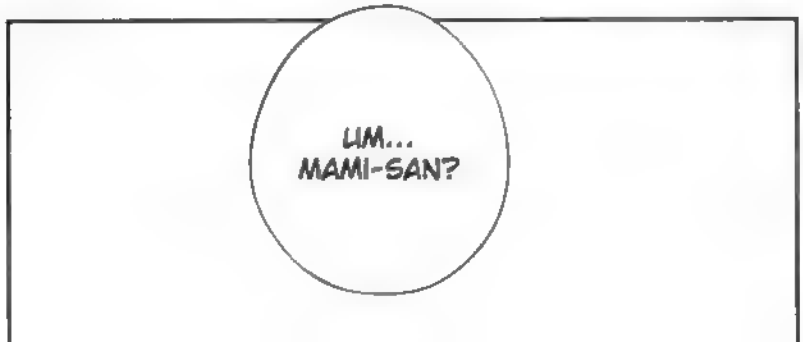
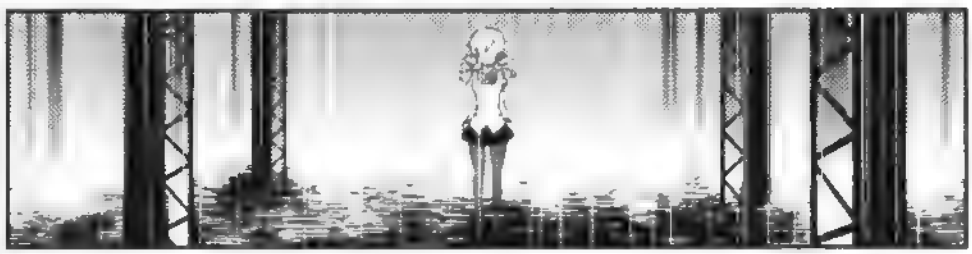
I-I UNDERSTAND. I'M SORRY! I'M ALWAYS GETTING IN THE WAY...
NO, IT'S ME WHO SHOULD APOLOGIZE.


UM... MAMI-SAN?

I HAD PROMISED TO PROTECT HER, AND YET...

PLEASE TAKE CARE OF SAYAKA-CHAN...
...FROM NOW ON TOO, OKAY?

THEN, MAMI-SAN, SEE YOU TOMORROW!



I'M VERY SORRY... KANAME-SAN.

I AM NOT.

YOU'RE SCREWING WITH ME, RIGHT...?

IT IS THE UNVARNISHED TRUTH.

...YOU! IS SHE TELLING THE TRUTH?
AS FAR AS SHE'S SAID, YES.

THAT IS THE ROAD THAT EVERY MAGICAL GIRL TRAVELS.

ONCE A MAGICAL GIRL HAS USED UP ALL HER MAGIC...
...THE SOUL GEM— THE JEWEL MADE OF THE SOUL OF ONE UNDER CONTRACT— REACHES ITS POLLUTION LIMIT.
THEN IT TRANSFORMS INTO A GRIEF SEED, AND THE MAGICAL GIRL BECOMES A WITCH.

SAYAKA MIKI'S SOUL GEM HAS HATCHED COMPLETELY, AND NOW SHE'S A WITCH.
YES. NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.
THEN... SHE'S REALLY GONE AND TURNED INTO A WITCH?
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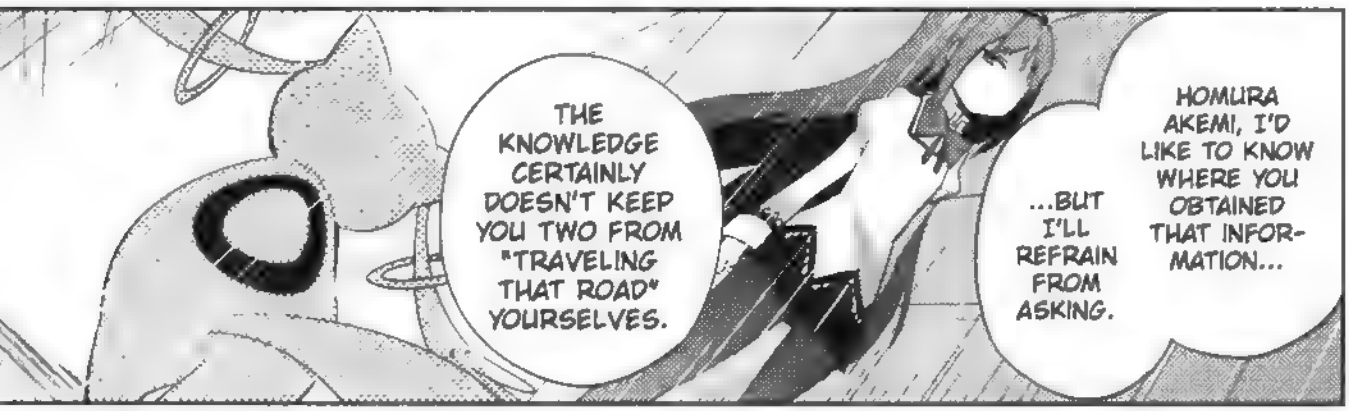
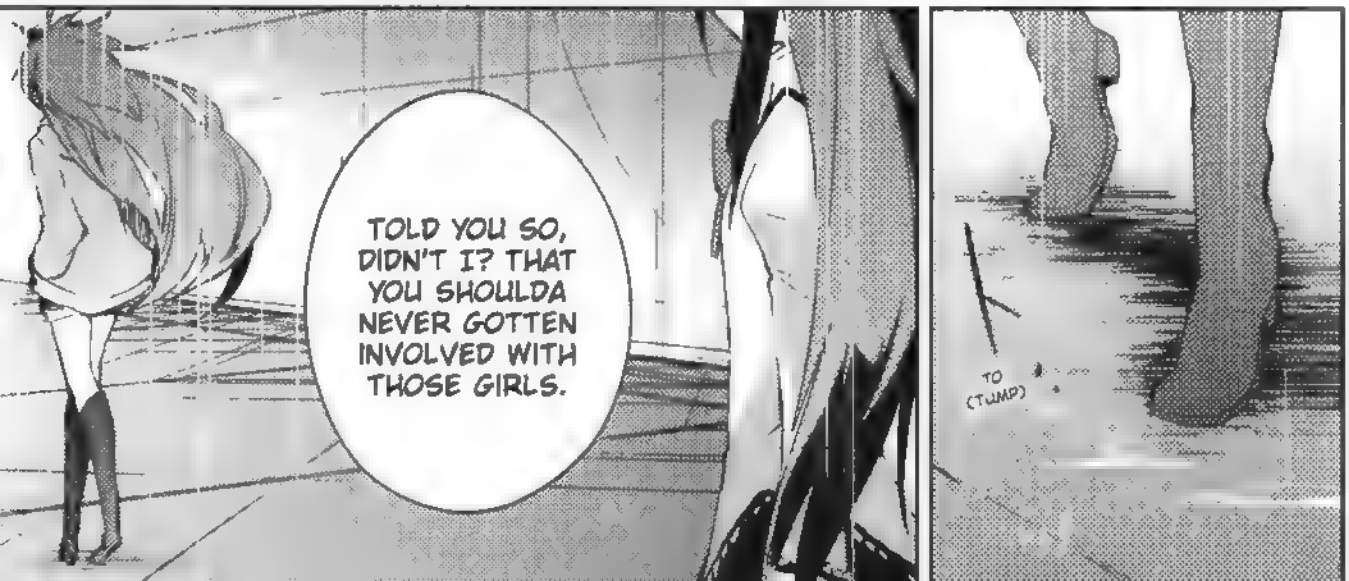

THE KNOWLEDGE CERTAINLY DOESN'T KEEP YOU TWO FROM "TRAVELING THAT ROAD" YOURSELVES.
...BUT I'LL REFRAIN FROM ASKING.
HOMURA AKEMI, I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHERE YOU OBTAINED THAT INFORMATION...

IT'S THE DESTINY OF EVERY MAGICAL GIRL TO BECOME A WITCH.


TOLD YOU SO, DIDN'T I? THAT YOU SHOULDA NEVER GOTTEN INVOLVED WITH THOSE GIRLS.
TO
(THUMP)

THEN YOU DON'T MIND IF MAMI TOMOE KILLS YOU?
I'LL BET MAMI WAS RIGHT ON THE SCENE WHEN IT HAPPENED.
I'M WORRIED ABOUT HER.

...ESPECIALLY IF MAMI TOMOE NOW KNOWS ALL THIS.
WE MUST ACCEPT REALITY AND GIVE UP ON THOSE GIRLS...
.....HUH...?

WAIT A MINUTE! WHY SHOULD MAMI BE...
SHE MAY BE PLANNING SUICIDE AFTER KILLING SAYAKA MIKI.

JUST ABOUT NOW, IT MUST BE BRINGING HER DESPAIR LEADING TO SELF-DESTRUCTION ...

SHE IS NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO HANDLE THE TRUTH ABOUT MAGICAL GIRLS.

IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT SHE HAS ALREADY TURNED INTO A WITCH...
GU (GRIP)
DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO WAIT!?
I DON'T CARE IF YOU DO KNOW EVERYTHING THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT MAGICAL GIRLS...
...BUT HOW CAN YOU BE SO SURE OF WHAT SHE'S GONNA DO...!?
YOU'VE HARDLY EVER EVEN TALKED TO HER, BUT HERE YOU GO MAKING BS PREDICTIONS...
SHE'S NO WEAKLING WHO'D GO KILLING HERSELF OFF LIKE THAT!
THE MAMI TOMOE I KNOW WOULD NEVER ...
IT'S BECAUSE I DO NOT KNOW THAT I CAN SAY THIS.

HUH!? YOU LITTLE...
HAVING ONLY SEEN HER ON THE SURFACE LEVEL, YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO FORM CONCLUSIONS.
YOU ARE THE ONE WHO KNOWS NOTHING OF MAMI TOMOE.
PASHIN (SLAP)
WHA...
...UN-HAND ME!
I DO NOT ENGAGE IN SENSELESS BATTLE.
IT IS A FACT THAT WERE YOU TO GO TALK TO HER NOW, YOU WOULD JEOPARDIZE YOUR OWN LIFE.
THAT IS THE KIND OF GIRL MAMI TOMOE TRULY IS.
I DO NOT ISSUE WARNINGS IN JEST.
HUMPH... IF YOU DID, MAMI AIN'T NEVER SAID ONE WORD ABOUT IT!
PERHAPS I HAVE.
YOU'RE TALKING LIKE YOU'VE TEAMED UP WITH HER IN THE PAST!
...WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?

THE PRESENT MAMI TOMOE DOES NOT...
...HAVE ANY MEMORY OF OUR TIME TOGETHER.
KII (SHIING)
... WHAT'S THAT SUP-POSED TO MEAN?
BASHI (VASSH)
!
I NEVER TRUSTED YOU, RIGHT FROM THE START!
IF ANYTHING'S HAPPENED TO THE TWO OF THEM...
...THEN I'LL SEE IT FOR MYSELF!
...WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?
IT MEANS, "DON'T TRY TO FOLLOW ME!"

...THEN I'M GOING OUT TO FIND A WAY TO TURN HER BACK!
...THAT SAYAKA REALLY DID BECOME A WITCH...
LET'S SAY FOR ARGUMENT'S SAKE THAT YOU'RE RIGHT...
YOUR GETTING KILLED IS A PROBLEM FOR ME.
DOESN'T MEAN YOU WOULD JUST LET ME HAVE IT MY WAY EITHER.
AND IF MAMI REALLY IS GETTING THOSE STUPID IDEAS INTO HER HEAD... THEN I'LL BEAT SOME SENSE INTO HER.
AND LET'S SAY I MANAGE TO GET BOTH OF THEM WORKING WITH US...
...THAT'D GIVE US PLENTY OF FIREPOWER TO TAKE DOWN WALPURGIS NACHT, RIGHT?
YOU CAN'T OBJECT TO THAT, I'D SAY.
.....DO AS YOU LIKE.

IT WOULD BE TRAGIC FOR YOU TO MAKE A MISTAKE OVER...
...WHAT IT IS YOU SHOULD BE PROTECTING.
HOWEVER, DO NOT OVEREXTEND YOURSELF.

KO
(TAK)
GOOD EVENING, SAKURA-SAN.
YO.
OH, MY.

DON'T BE SUCH A HARD-ASS.
KAN
YOU SAID YOU WERE LEAVING, SO WHEN WILL YOU ACTUALLY DO THAT?
KAN (CLANG)

I'LL JUST HAVE ME A WITCH SANDWICH AND BE ON MY WAY, OKAY?
HYUU (FOOM)
YOU CAN LET ME HAVE JUST ONE MORE HUNT, CAN'T YOU?
IT SEEMED LIKE SUCH A WASTE TO LET GO OF SUCH GOOD HUNTING GROUNDS.

...NO.
PO (POHH)
FORGIVE ME. BUT THIS TIME I WILL NOT BE SHARING.

THE WITCH AND I WILL DIE TOGETHER HERE.

HUH? DID YOU HIT YOUR HEAD OR SOMETHING?
I'D NEVER SEND SOMEBODY WHO SAYS THAT TO WHERE SAYAKA IS.
.....
THAT WAS WHAT YOU WERE AFTER FROM THE BEGINNING?
KOO (WHOOO)
CHA (CHACK)
I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU COULD HAVE HEARD ABOUT IT... BUT BE THAT AS IT MAY...
I SUGGEST YOU MOVE.
THERE IS NO GOOD REASON FOR ME TO CONTINUE BEING A MAGICAL GIRL.

YOU'D RATHER NOT BELIEVE IT YOURSELF, CORRECT?
THAT THE REALITY FOR MAGICAL GIRLS IS THAT AFTER THEY FULFIL THEIR SERVICE IN THE PROTECTION OF MANKIND ...
...THEY TURN INTO MURDERING WITCHES...

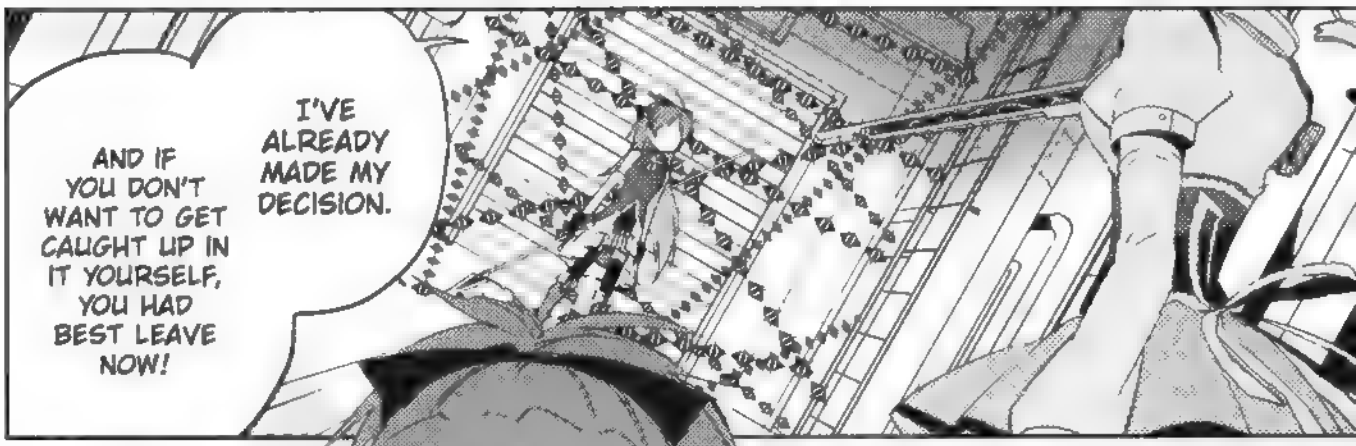
I WAS THE ONE WHO TURNED MIKI-SAN INTO A WITCH, YOU KNOW.

WHAT WAS EVERYTHING I DID FOR...?
WAS I FIGHTING IT JUST TO TURN MY FRIEND INTO A WITCH?

WHEN NO MATTER WHAT I DO, I'LL END UP THE SAME WAY...

ISN'T THAT A LAUGH ...?
SAYING ITS FOR JUSTICE AND PRIDE...
...I SIMPLY LEFT HER THERE... AND THIS IS THE RESULT.

...WOULDN'T ANYBODY THINK THAT A BETTER OPTION...
...IS TO SIMPLY DIE HERE WITH HER?


I'VE ALREADY MADE MY DECISION.
AND IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GET CAUGHT UP IN IT YOURSELF, YOU HAD BEST LEAVE NOW!

THE ONES WHO WANT TO DIE ARE GOING TO DIE.
THERE IS NO REASON TO RISK YOUR LIFE TO SAVE SOMEONE LIKE THAT, RIGHT?

...YOU SAID IT YOURSELF, SAKURA-SAN.

AND YOU'D NEVER USE MAGIC FOR SOMEBODY ELSE'S HAPPINESS EVER AGAIN ...
IF I REMEMBER, THOSE WERE YOUR WORDS WHEN YOU CUT TIES WITH ME.
...YOU NEVER LET A DETAIL GET BY YOU, DO YOU?
ALL RIGHT. I'LL GO AHEAD AND EAT THOSE WORDS A LITTLE.
'COS AS I AM NOW...
...I AIN'T EVER GONNA LEAVE YOU...
...TO DO WHAT YOU'RE PLANNING!

WHEN THERE'S A DISPUTE BETWEEN MAGICAL GIRLS...
HYU (FYOOM)
...IS THAT SO?
...THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO SETTLE IT.
KAN (CLANG)
BUT WHAT CAN YOU DO TO STOP ME?
I SUPPOSE THAT IS TRUE.

SU (SST)
VERY WELL.
IM
GYUO (VWOOH)
THEN LET'S DECIDE THIS THE WAY YOU LOVE MOST. THROUGH BRUTE FORCE!

YOU'LL FORGIVE ME IF I DO NOT PULL MY PUNCHES AS I DID BEFORE.
PREPARE YOURSELF, ALL RIGHT? I WILL HONESTLY BE TRYING TO KILL YOU.
SAKURA-SAN?
HYUN (THOOM)
YOU THINK YOU CAN DO THIS? THEN LET'S DO IT!
I WANNA SEE JUST HOW "PREPARED TO DIE" YOU REALLY ARE!
...YEAH.
JUST THE WAY I LIKE IT!

AND THIS IS THE PERFECT CHANCE!
HYU
WE CAN FINALLY GET STRAIGHT JUST WHO'S THE BETTER FIGHTER!
A MAMI WHO ISN'T HOLDING BACK AND ME...
YOU WANNA GO TO WHERE SAYAKA IS?
THEN YOU GOTTA TAKE ME DOWN FIRST!

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EPISODE 10
SO HOW ARE THEY DOING?
IF YOU'RE WORRIED, WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER FOR YOU TO GO AS WELL?
IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE ALREADY STARTED FIGHTING EACH OTHER.
NEITHER ONE LOOKS TO BE BACKING DOWN.
YOU AND KYOUKO SAKURA ARE A TEAM, RIGHT?

I CANNOT IMAGINE THAT KYOUKO SAKURA WOULD WELCOME MY SUPPORT.
I WILL NOT INTER-FERE.
THEY BROUGHT IT ON THEMSELVES, ANYWAY.
OR PERHAPS YOU HAVE SOME OTHER REASON AS TO WHY YOU CAN'T HELP THEM?
...PERSONALLY, I WOULD RATHER THIS END PEACEFULLY.
...I WOULD AGREE THAT IN KYOUKO'S CASE THAT IS TRUE, BUT...

...NO. NOTHING.
SHE HAS ALREADY GONE TO FACE MAMI TOMOE, SO...
...I WILL LEAVE IT TO HER FOR NOW.
...IN THE END, MY MAGIC ALONE WILL NOT BE ENOUGH TO AFFECT CHANGE.
SIMPLY THAT I WOULD RATHER NOT FIGHT UNNECESSARY BATTLES AND WASTE MAGIC.

BA (BAM)
BA
BA
BA
DO (BLAM)
GYUH!! (VWEEEN)

GA
(CRASH)
GOO
(RUMBLE)
FU
(FFT)
HYUU
(FOOM)
HA...
WHAT ARE YOU AIMING AT...?
PI
(...)

MAMI'S THREADS...?
BA (WHOOSH)
KAN (CLANG)
YOU DON'T LIKE GETTING ALL BLOODIED, DO YOU?
I'D ADVISE YOU NOT TO MOVE AROUND TOO RECK-LESSLY.

YOU ADDED SOME FUN PLAYTHINGS TO YOUR REPERTOIRE, HUH?
TAN (THUMP)
...HMM?
AND IF YOU PLACE THEM HERE AND THERE AROUND THE AREA, THEY CAN BECOME BOTH A RESTRAINT AND A WEAPON.
IT IS RATHER EFFECTIVE AGAINST FAST ENEMIES.
IT'S NOTHING ALL THAT DIFFICULT.
I SIMPLY UPPED THE DENSITY OF SOME THREADS.
SO ADDING IN MORE AND USING UP YOUR MAGIC LIKE THAT...
YOU'RE ALWAYS FIGHTING WITH MULTIPLE MAGICAL TACTICS.
.....
...ISN'T A VERY GOOD IDEA, IS IT?

YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT YOUR ENEMY...
SUU (SSST)
...AREN'T YOU A BIT TOO RELAXED?
GASHAN (KACHAK)
WILL YOU WAKE UP, MAMI!?
DO (TUMP)
IDIOT...
PAKIN (KA-CHING)

YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO DRIVE YOURSELF TO DESPAIR!?
YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN ANYBODY ELSE!
IF THIS GOES ON TOO LONG, SHE WON'T LAST!
ONCE ALL YOUR MAGIC IS USED UP...
...IT'LL HAPPEN TO YOU...!
GA
GA (BAM)

HYU
(FOOM)
CHUN
(CHANK)
DO
GA
GHIN
(SWING)
PO
(POW)

CAHA!
OOO (WHOOM)
DO (WHAM)
CHA (CHINK)
KIIN (CLANG)

AAAH
GAIN (KACHING)
GARA (CRUMBLE)
GAA (GRATCH)

HYU (FOOM)
LOOKS LIKE THE GAME'S UP.
YOU AIN'T GONNA BEAT ANYBODY WITH THAT ARM.
WHY DON'T YOU STOP BEING STUPID?
IT AIN'T LIKE YOU!
THERE COULD BE A WAY TO BRING HER BACK, BUT YOU JUST GIVE UP? IS THAT HOW IT IS?
AFTER ALL, SAYAKA BECOMING A WITCH...
...WASN'T YOUR FAULT...
...MAYBE SO.

IF THAT'S TRUE, THEN IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT, SAKURA-SAN.
I TOLD YOU I'D HEARD BAD RUMORS ABOUT YOU.
THAT YOU NEVER CARED ABOUT WHAT DAMAGE YOU CAUSED, GATHERING MORE GRIEF SEEDS THAN YOU REALLY NEEDED.
WOULDN'T THAT MEAN THAT YOU ESSENTIALLY STOLE HER SHARE OF GRIEF SEEDS?
THE MINUTE YOU CAME BACK HERE, THE TEAM I'D WORKED SO HARD TO BUILD WAS BROKEN APART.
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO GET IN MY WAY?
DOES IT REALLY FRUSTRATE YOU SO MUCH TO SEE ME HAPPY?
...WHAT ARE YOU... TALKING ABOUT ...?
...AND SEE HOW AWFUL I AM?

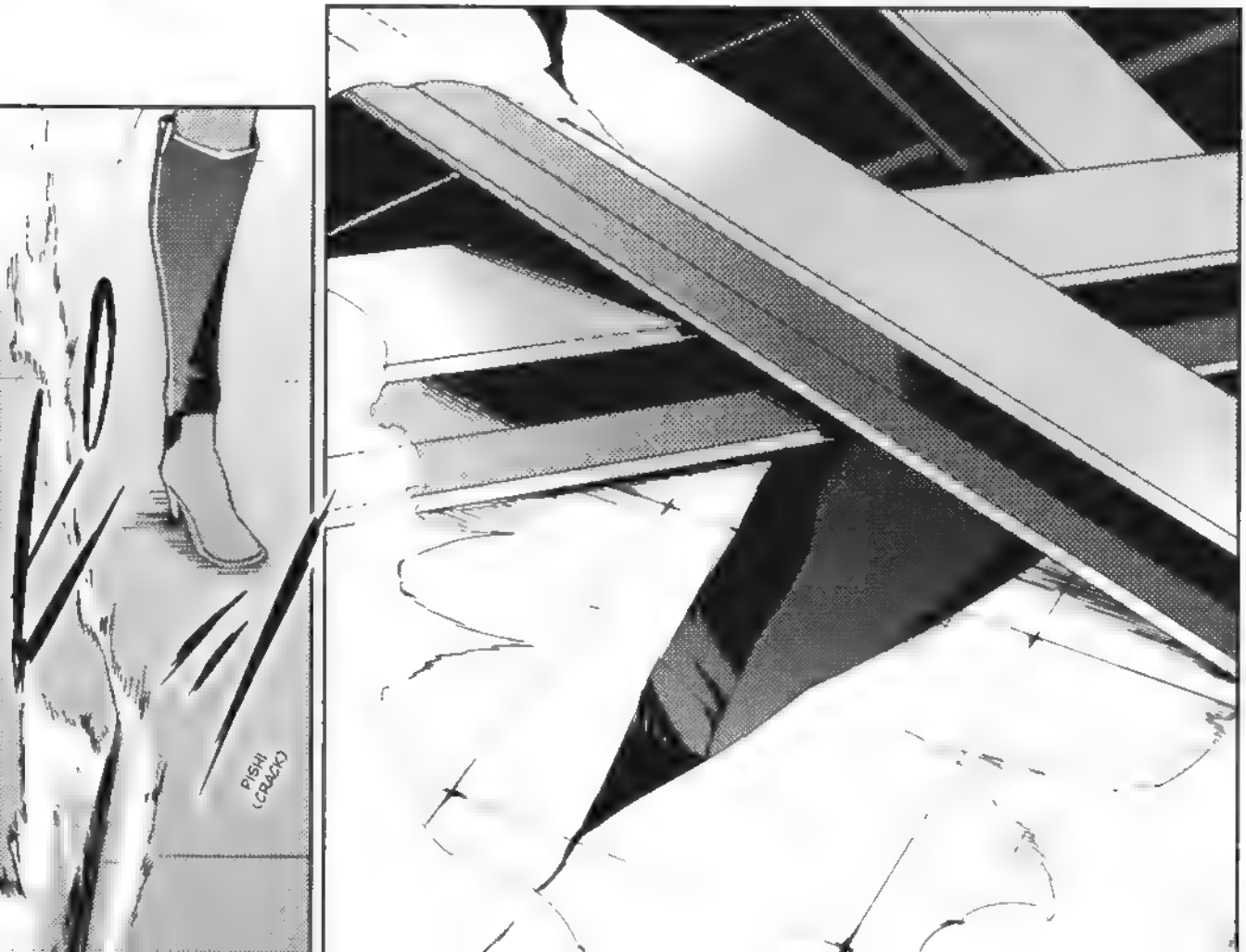
IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE I TURN INTO A WITCH.
IT'S NOT THAT I WANT TO HATE OR BLAME ANYONE...
...BUT I'M SO CONSUMED BY GRUDGES THAT I CAN'T HELP HAVING THESE AWFUL THOUGHTS.

YOU'RE THE STRONG ONE, SAKURA-SAN. YOU LIVE ON, NEVER GIVING IN TO DESPAIR.
I'M SUCH AN EMOTIONAL WEAKLING, I'LL NEVER BECOME AS STRONG AS YOU.
...BUT EVEN AS WEAK AS I AM, I THINK THAT MIKI-SAN COULD ACCEPT ME FOR MYSELF.
THAT'S WHY I'VE DECIDED TO STAY WITH HER.

OOO
(RUMMBLE)
OO
...EH?
AND I REFUSE TO LET YOU INTERFERE WITH THAT!
DOO
(BLAM)

ZUUUN (VOOSH)
GARAN (CLANG)

I'M SORRY, SAKURA-SAN.
KO (TAK)
I DIDN'T WANT TO GET VIOLENT, BUT...
...I HAD TO DO THIS MUCH...
KO
...OR YOU'D...


PISH!! (CRACK)

JAKI (CHACKLE)
WHA...?
RYUU (YUUU)
GAKON (GACRUNCH)
PASHIN (SHRAKK)

GARA
(CRUMBLE)
KYUO
(WHOO-OHH)
I COULDA SERIOUSLY DIED BACK THERE...!

YOU'RE BEING A BAD LOSER!
ACT LIKE SOMEBODY AS WOUNDED AS YOU ARE AND GIVE UP!
HA! YOU WON'T GET AWAY NOW!
GAKUN (SHUNP)
UKK...
JARIN (CHANK...

BAKIN (KACHANK)
GYURU (VWIRL)
RU
RU
YOU ALMOST HAD ME, HMM?
DO (BAM)
GYUN (VLOOM)

HERE'S A BIT OF PAYBACK.

I'M GOING TO HAVE TO APOLOGIZE TO SAYAKA-CHAN TOMORROW.
AND TO MAMI-SAN TOO.
I'LL TELL THEM WHAT I'VE BEEN HIDING.
AND ONE MORE THING ...
I'D LIKE FOR KYOUKO-CHAN TO MAKE UP WITH MAMI-SAN...
I'D LIKE US ALL TO BE FRIENDS WITH HOMURA-CHAN TOO.
I HOPE WE ALL CAN BE FRIENDS AND NOT FIGHT ANYMORE.

FINISH ME OFF?
WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO NOW?
...AND?

IF I WERE TO HOLD BACK AT THIS POINT...
...THEN IT'D BE A LIE WHEN I SAID I WAS PREPARED FOR ANY FATE.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
BEFORE I CAME HERE, THAT HOMURA GIRL GAVE ME A WARNING...
...THAT MY LIFE'D BE IN DANGER IF I MET UP WITH YOU.
.....
SHE WAS RIGHT.
YOU'RE DOING JUST WHAT SHE SAID.

I THOUGHT THERE WAS NO WAY THAT BS WAS TRUE.
AND SO I EGGED YOU ON.
BUT LOOK AT YOU. ALL READY TO KILL.
YOU COULD GET A GOOD LAUGH AT WHAT I BELIEVED.
I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D BE THAT KIND OF GIRL, SO I FOUGHT YOU.
.....
SORRY TO BETRAY YOUR EXPECTA-TIONS.
...NOTHING FOR YOU TO APOLOGIZE FOR.
AFTER ALL, I BETRAYED YOU FIRST, RIGHT?

YOU USED TO BE THAT WAY WITH ME. YOU USED TO TRUST ME.
YOU NEVER THOUGHT I'D DO A 180 AND GIVE YOU ATTITUDE, RIGHT?
I PROBABLY HURT YOU OVER AND OVER.
I'D LET YOU DO ALL THE WORK AND COMPLAIN ALL I WANTED.
I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT ANYTHING BUT MYSELF.
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING? IT'S TOO LATE TO BEG FOR MERCY, IF THAT'S WHAT...
SO IT'S NO WONDER THAT YOU'D HOLD A GRUDGE AGAINST ME.
I KNOW THIS IS JUST ME GETTING MY JUST DESSERTS.
...I JUST WANTED TO APOLOGIZE.

...GO DO IT.
SHOOT ME!
NOW, YOU GO DO WHATEVER YOU WANT TO.
I'M SORRY, MAMI-SAN.

GASHA (KACHANK)
...WAIT THERE.
KO CHO

SUU (SET)
ZUKUN (PULSE)
KOOOO (RUMMBLE)

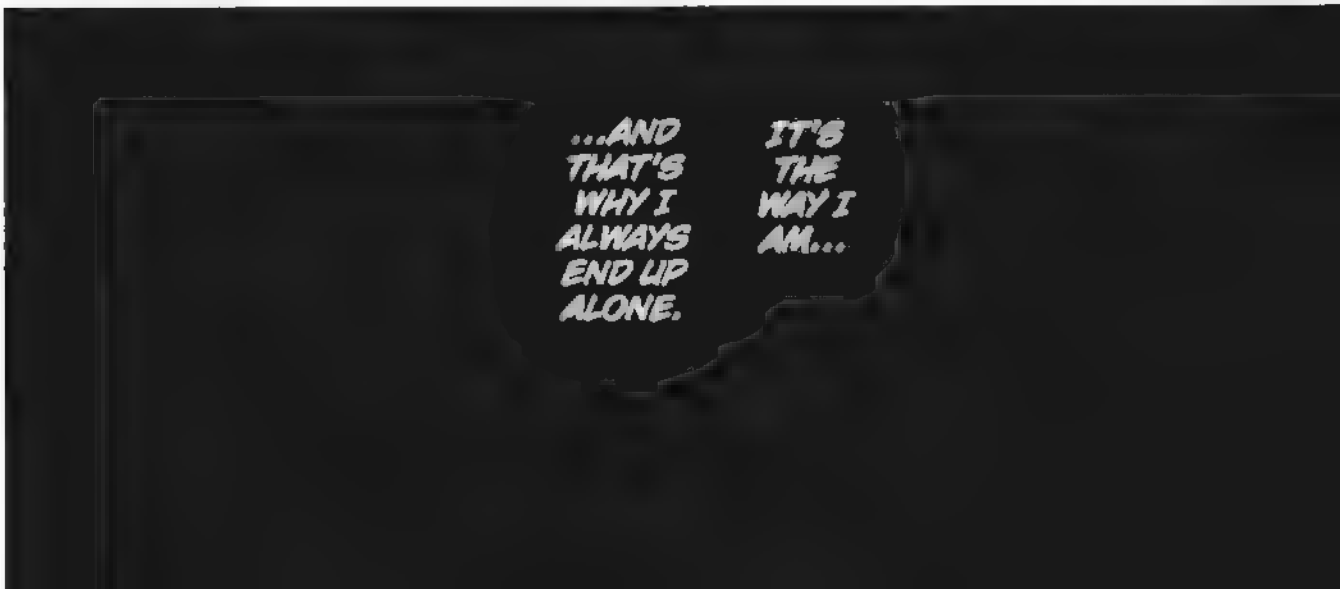
URN...
DO
KAN (CLANG)
AH...
YOU WERE THE ONE TO SURVIVE.

I'M RELIEVED THAT AT LEAST YOU CAME OUT ALIVE.
I SUPPOSE THAT COULDN'T BE HELPED.
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU USED UP A GOOD PORTION OF YOUR POWER BEFORE YOU TOOK DOWN SAYAKA.
YOUR SOUL GEM IS AT ITS LIMIT.
KYU... BEY...
WELL, IT STILL LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVE SOME TIME UNTIL IT HATCHES INTO A WITCH, SO I'LL STAY HERE AND KEEP YOU COMPANY UNTIL IT HAPPENS.
THAT IS, IN FACT, ONE MORE OF MY DUTIES.
TO
(THUMP)

...ABOUT TO TURN INTO A WITCH.
I'M...
.....IS THAT RIGHT?

I'M SORRY I CAN'T BE THERE WITH YOU.
MIKI-SAN...

BUT I ALWAYS LOSE MY WAY AT THE CRUCIAL MOMENT, AND THAT'S WHY I FAIL...
IF I HAD A STRONGER WILL, I COULD HAVE DONE ANYTHING.
I'M NO GOOD, JUST LIKE I THOUGHT.


...AND THAT'S WHY I ALWAYS END UP ALONE.
IT'S THE WAY I AM...

I LOST AGAIN!?
URNN...
YOU'RE STILL TOO NAÏVE.
THAT RIBBON TRICK OF YOURS WASN'T FAIR!
YOU CAN USE AS MANY RIBBONS AS YOU LIKE, AND IN ANY WAY YOU WANT TO!
I'M NOT ABLE TO AVOID THAT!
BESIDES, IF MY MAGIC IS UNFAIR...
...THEN WHAT ABOUT YOUR ILLUSORY MAGIC, HMM?
OWW ...
DO YOU EXPECT TO USE THAT EXCUSE IN A REAL BATTLE?
THERE IS NO "FAIR" OR "UNFAIR" IN A FIGHT WITH A WITCH.
PACHIN (SNAPP)
DOSA (WHUD)
HEY!

VERY WELL. I WILL NOT PULL MY PUNCHES ...
...HOWEVER, WE CAN HAVE A CONTEST WITH INCENTIVES.
...
STINGY...
NO, I CANNOT. THAT WOULD NOT BE TRAINING.
I'D LIKE TO WIN JUST ONCE...
WELL, AT LEAST YOU COULD PULL YOUR PUNCHES A BIT, RIGHT?
!!
I DON'T GET IT, BUT COUNT ME IN!
WHEN YOU WIN, I'LL DO WHATEVER CUTE LITTLE YOU SAYS.
NOW IN YOUR CASE, SAKURA-SAN...
...I THINK YOU CAN CATCH UP AND SURPASS ME PRETTY SOON.
YOU MEAN IT? WHAT-EVER I SAY!?
HONESTLY!
ANYTHING I CAN DO ANYWAY.

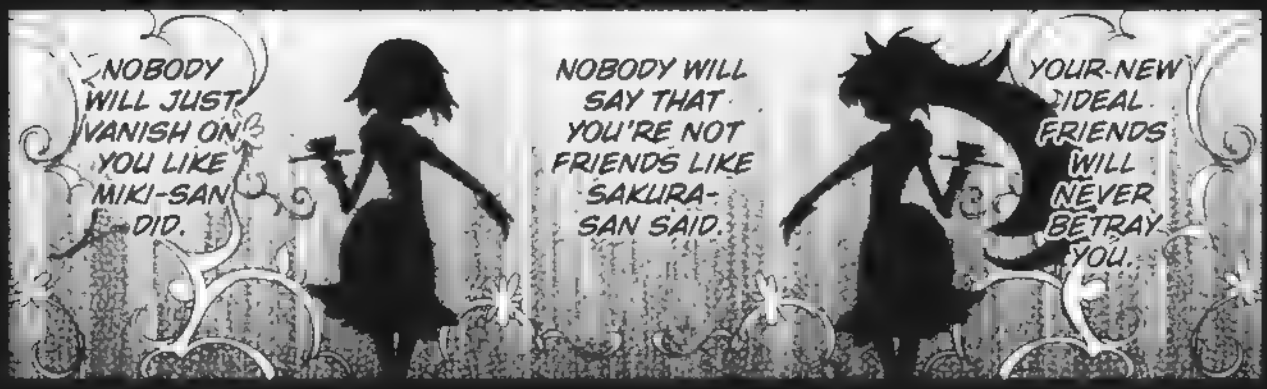
Y-YOU THINK SO?
IF WE CAN ONLY COVER FOR THE HEALING MAGIC THAT YOU HAVEN'T MASTERED...
...THEN I THINK YOU CAN ADVANCE ENOUGH THAT NO ONE CAN STAND AGAINST YOU.
YOU HAVE PLENTY OF RAW TALENT, AND MORE THAN THAT, YOU MATURE AT AN INCREDIBLY FAST RATE.
I DO.
SO HAVE FAITH IN YOURSELF.
I CAN TAKE A LOT OF PRIDE IN HAVING SUCH A TALENTED GIRL AS MY FRIEND.
...SAY, MAMI-SAN?
WHAT IS IT?
...UM... YOU ALWAYS ...
...CALL ME A FRIEND, BUT...

...SOMETHING A LITTLE...
...DIFFERENT FROM A FRIEND.
BUT TO ME, YOU'RE...
UM... I DON'T MEAN IT IN A BAD WAY...
JUST...
WHAT... DOES THAT MEAN?
...FORGET IT.
JUST DROP IT.
LET'S HEAD OUT.
...IS THAT... WHAT IT IS?

YES... I SUPPOSE ...
WE... AREN'T FRIENDS.
ONCE SHE'S GOOD ENOUGH TO DO IT ALONE, SHE'LL LEAVE ME.
THAT'S THE WHOLE REASON SHE'S WITH ME.
AFTER ALL, SAKURA-SAN IS ONLY HERE TO BECOME STRONGER AS A MAGICAL GIRL.
SO I'LL TAKE ON ANY CHALLENGES I HAVE TO!
IF THAT'S SO, I'D LIKE HER TO STAY WITH ME AS LONG AS POSSIBLE...
IF I DO...
BE THE VERY PICTURE OF A PERFECT MAGICAL GIRL.
THE FINEST YOUNG LADY, KIND TO ONE AND ALL.
FOR EXAMPLE, I'LL HAVE TO BE MORE RELIABLE THAN ANYONE.

LET'S NOT DO THIS ANYMORE.
...NOBODY EVER RETURNS YOUR FEELINGS.
NO MATTER HOW HARD WE TRY...
WHY SHOULD WE ALWAYS PUSH SO HARD?
...THEY'RE ALL HEARTLESS TO LEAVE YOU ALONE LIKE THAT!
EVERYBODY LEAVES YOU...
...BUT IT'S ALL RIGHT!
I'VE FOUND A WONDERFUL WAY FOR YOU TO NOT BE LONELY!

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS BUILD YOUR IDEAL WORLD.


NOBODY WILL JUST VANISH ON YOU LIKE MIKI-SAN DID.
NOBODY WILL SAY THAT YOU'RE NOT FRIENDS LIKE SAKURA-SAN SAID.
YOUR NEW IDEAL FRIENDS WILL NEVER BETRAY YOU.

.....YES!
YOU'LL HAVE TEA PARTIES THAT WILL MAKE YOU FORGET THE TIME COMPLETELY!

IF I JUST BECOME A WITCH...
...EVERYONE WILL ALWAYS BE WITH ME...

SURPRISED?
ARE YOU AWAKE NOW?

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...I SEE NOW.
HUMPH...
SO YOU'VE MANAGED TO RETRIEVE A LITTLE OF YOUR POWER?

A GIRL HAS TO SAVE THE ACE UP HER SLEEVE FOR THE LAST ROUND.
BUT DO PEOPLE NORMALLY TAKE AN EX-PARTNER AND SHOOT HER WITHOUT A SECOND'S HESITATION?
...BUT THAT'S HOW I MANAGED TO GET OUT OF YOUR TRAP...
...SO I CAN'T COMPLAIN.
.....
WITHOUT A GRIEF SEED, EVEN THE GREAT MAMI-SENPAI HAS TO GIVE UP.
TOO BAD FOR YOU THAT I'M NOT CARRYING ANY EXTRAS EITHER.
...SO.....

.....WHAT'S THAT? ANGER...?
IS THAT BECAUSE I WENT AND "BETRAYED" YOU AGAIN?
YOU THINK THAT IF YOU DON'T ANSWER ME, THAT'LL PUT ME IN MY PLACE?
NO.
I HAD ONE TOO.
A THING I HAD TO APOLOGIZE TO YOU FOR BEFORE THE END.
SO DO YOU WANT ANOTHER REGRET PARTY?
...HUH?
DIDN'T WE ALWAYS DO THAT AFTER A BATTLE?
WE'D HAVE TEA AND GO OVER WHAT WE THOUGHT WE DID WELL AND DID POORLY.
...DON'T WORRY. I'LL DO ALL THE TALKING, SO ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS LISTEN.

YOU SEE, I...
...DIDN'T WANT ANYTHING MORE THAN TO BE YOUR FRIEND.

I DIDN'T WANT TO BE A SENPAI. I WANTED US TO BE CLOSE FRIENDS.
BUT, TO YOU, IT SEEMS I WAS NOTHING MORE THAN A SENPAI.

MY PROBLEM WAS I DIDN'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO GET CLOSER. I NEVER SAID ANYTHING.

.....NEXT IS WHAT YOU DID WRONG, SAKURA-SAN.

.....
IF HAD A LITTLE BIT OF COURAGE, WE WOULD NEVER HAVE ENDED UP BATTLING LIKE THIS. ...I REGRET THAT....

...BUT WHAT I REGRET THE MOST WAS THAT WE WOUND UP NOT SHARING ANYTHING BUT BATTLES.
WE WERE BOTH LONELY MAGICAL GIRLS WITHOUT FAMILY...

DID YOU THINK YOU HAD ME FOOLED WITH THAT ILLUSION OF YOURS?
#UH!?
SORRY, BUT I KNEW IT WAS A FAKE.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? ...Y-YOU'RE LYING!
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN STRANGER NOT TO NOTICE THE FLASHY WAY YOU BROUGHT ME DOWN.
YOU WOULD HAVE DONE BETTER WITH YOUR OLD ROSSO FANTASMA.
SHALL WE TRAIN A BIT MORE AS REHABILI-TATION?
—!
I GOT NOTHING TO LEARN FROM YOU ANYMORE!
I WAS A MATCH FOR YOU EVEN WITHOUT THAT MAGIC, RIGHT?
YOU THINK SO? MIKI-SAN WAS A ROOKIE, AND SHE COULD FIGHT AS WELL AS THAT.
...! DON'T GET ALL CARRIED AWAY!
I'M NOT LIKE YOU NEEDY WIMPS PEP-TALKING EACH OTHER TO DEATH!
I HAVEN'T EVEN LOST A SOLO FIGHT, AND I'VE GOTTEN BETTER THAN YOU...
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW STRONG ONE IS; EVERYONE HAS A WEAK SPOT.

THAT'S WHY NONE OF US SHOULD BE ALONE.
LET'S SAY THERE'S MAGIC YOU'RE BAD AT. WHILE I'M SURE YOU'RE WORKING ON IT...
...MAYBE THERE WAS SOMEONE CLOSE BY WHO USED THAT SAME MAGIC VERY WELL.
IF BOTH RECOGNIZE THE OTHER'S WEAKNESS AND WORK TO COMPEN-SATE...
"I CAN'T GO ALONG SINCE I'D JUST SLOW YOU DOWN"...
...OR, "I HAVE TO STAND OUT AND SHOW MY WORTH!"...
...THOSE WORDS ARE JUST SYMPTOMS OF A PERSON TRYING TO FEIGN STRENGTH WHILE LETTING HER HAPPINESS FLY AWAY. DON'T DO THAT.
...THEN WE SHOULD HAVE A BETTER FUTURE FOR IT.
THAT'S LYING TO YOURSELF. A LONELY PRACTICE.

...THIS CONCLUDES OUR REGRET PARTY.
THEN GO GREET MIKI-SAN AS YOU MUST.
AS A FINAL ACT, COULD YOU FINISH ME OFF?
AND DON'T GO STARTING ARGUMENTS. YOU HAVE TO BOTH COOPERATE AND PROTECT THE PEOPLE!
YOU CAN CREATE A MAGICAL GIRL FRIENDSHIP WITH MUTUAL UNDERSTAND-ING AND RESPECT.
YOU CAN DO WHAT I REGRET NOT DOING.
...YOU WANTED TO SAVE HER, RIGHT? I AM SURE YOU CAN DO IT.
...WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I'LL LEAVE THIS TOWN IN THE HANDS OF THE TWO OF YOU.

I TRIED TO KILL YOU GUYS!
ALL YOU DID WAS RISE TO THE CHALLENGE AND FIGHT, RIGHT?
WHY?
I HATE THAT CRAP!
YOU'RE NOT STUPID ENOUGH TO THINK THAT EVERYTHING WILL BE ROSY WITH YOU DEAD, RIGHT?
SO IT'S ALL MY FAULT! THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH, SHOULDN'T IT?
THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO TAKE ALL THE RESPONSI-BILITY!
BUT IF I'M ABOUT TO BECOME A WITCH, THEN ALL I CAN DO IS DIE.
.....!
I CONFESSED MY SINS AND TOLD YOU MY REGRETS. BUT THAT WON'T CLEAN UP MY SOUL GEM...
IT'S OVER! ENOUGH! I'M BEGGING, JUST LET ME DIE!
I CAN'T SAVE ANYBODY, SO WHAT GOOD IS IT FOR ME TO LIVE!?
AND HOW DO YOU THINK I CAN DO THAT!?

SOMEBODY WHO CAN SAVE YOU IS RIGHT HERE!
DO YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE?
TO ME, YOU'RE MAMI TOMOE...
...THE ONLY... FAMILY I GOT LEFT!
...SOMETHING A LITTLE... DIFFERENT FROM A FRIEND.
BUT TO ME, YOU'RE...
...FORGET IT. JUST DROP IT.

IF I TOLD MAMI-SAN SHE WAS MORE LIKE A BIG SISTER...
...SHE'D PROBABLY JUST LAUGH IN MY FACE.
...D... DAD.....
I BECAME... UM...
IT'S A REALLY LONG STORY...
THIS IS... UM...
...A MAGICAL GIRL.
THAT'S WHY I...
COME WITH ME.
ALL I WANTED TO DO WAS HELP YOU OUT, DAD!
ALSO, MAGICAL GIRLS HAVE THE POWER TO SAVE PEOPLE!

WHERE DID THE KIND AND GENTLE FATHER I KNEW GO?
WHY...?
HOW CAN HE SAY SUCH HURTFUL THINGS?
I'M NOT A WITCH, YOU KNOW!
...DAD... DID IT?
BUT IT'S JUST A SCRATCH. DON'T WORRY.
A GLASS BOTTLE BROKE, AND IT CUT ME.
I JUST SLIPPED A LITTLE.
MOTHER, WHAT... HAPPENED TO YOU?

...I PROBABLY WOULD HAVE TURNED INTO A WITCH THEN AND THERE.

IF I HAD NEVER MET NAMI...

I HAD LOST EVERYTHING, AND THE DESPAIR JUST SWALLOWED ME UP.
THAT'S WHEN I REMEMBERED YOU.
YOU'RE NOT REALLY FAMILY...
...BUT YOU WERE NICE AND KIND, JUST LIKE A REAL BIG SISTER.
SO I WASN'T TRULY ALONE.
ALL OF THOSE THINGS, THOSE THINGS ANYBODY WOULD DO THAT YOU DID FOR ME...
SUU (SST)
THEY GAVE ME STRENGTH AND HOPE.
YOU'RE THE REASON THAT I'M ALIVE TODAY... NOW!
THAT IS THE CONNECTION BETWEEN YOUR LIFE AND MINE!

I LIED WHEN I SAID I WAS PREPARED TO KILL YOU.
AFTER ALL, I HATE THE FACT THAT I WAS THE CAUSE OF MY FAMILY'S DEATHS.
I DON'T EVER WANT TO GO THROUGH THAT AGAIN!
IT'S THE SAME REASON THAT BROUGHT ME TO THIS TOWN.
THE WAY I DID IT WENT WRONG, BUT ALL I WAS TRYING TO DO WAS PROTECT THE HAPPINESS YOU AND YOUR KOUHAI HAD.
I KNOW THIS KIND OF THING DON'T SUIT ME MUCH, BUT...
...IN THE END, YOU NEVER HURT ANY OF THOSE FRIENDS YOU LOVE SO MUCH.
SO IF YOU CAN KEEP ON LIVING, THEN I'LL BE HAPPY WITH THAT.

I'M GOING TO GO... SEE ABOUT SAYAKA.
...NOW ...
...YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE SOUL GEM.
...WAIT! I'LL GO TOO AND...
NO. YOU HAVE TO REST UP.
YOU CAN HARDLY MOVE, RIGHT? I DON'T WANT ANYBODY SLOWING ME DOWN.
.....
...THEN PROMISE ME...
DON'T GO DISAPPEARING ON ME EVER AGAIN! ...PROMISE ME!
FAMILY MEMBERS AREN'T SUPPOSED TO GO WORRYING EACH OTHER!

I'LL SWEAR IT ON THIS.
IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO ME, SO YOU KNOW I'LL COME TO GET IT BACK.
AS LONG AS YOU HAVE IT WITH YOU, I WON'T DARE DIE.
I'M NOT GIVING IT TO YOU.
SO DON'T YOU LOSE YOUR HOPE!
...YEAH. I PROMISE.
WHEN YOU'RE BACK, I'LL MAKE A CAKE FOR US ALL.

SO IF I MAKE IT OUT ALL RIGHT...
...THEN LET'S TEAM UP AGAIN LIKE WE USED TO DO.
WE'LL SAY THAT I LOST THIS FIGHT.

FUU (FSSHH)
ONE MORE THING... IF I ACTUALLY WIN ONE THIS TIME...

...THERE'S ONE THING I WANT TO ASK YOU FOR.

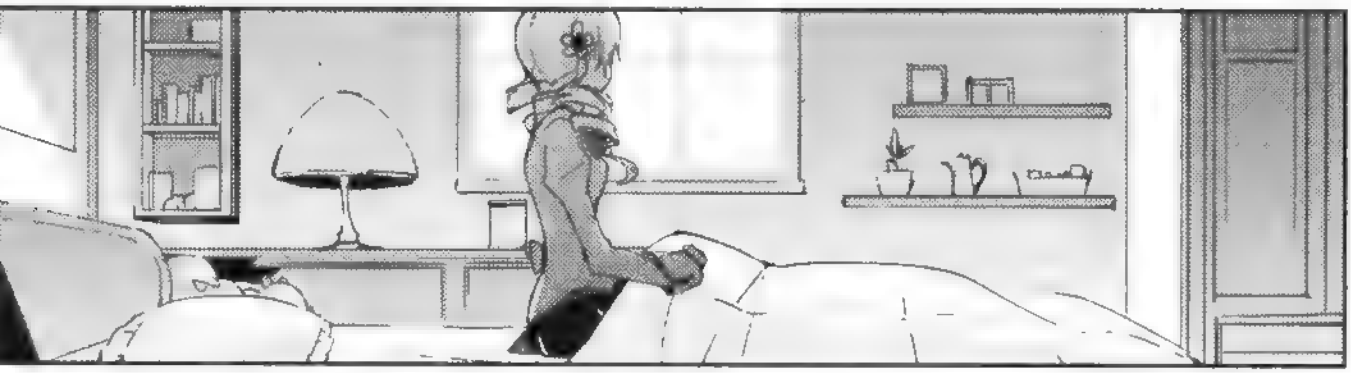
KO (TAK)
RUMMBLE)
A FRIEND...?
SO I GUESS WE STILL DON'T SEE EYE-TO-EYE, DO WE?
...OR COME TO THINK OF IT...

...I WASN'T HERE TO SEE SAYAKA MIKI...
...BECOME A WITCH.
SO I CAN'T SAY IF YOU ARE REALLY...
...SAYAKA OR NOT.
I TOLD YOU I'D BRING SAYAKA BACK SOMEHOW, BUT I'M GOING TO...
SORRY, MADOKA.
IF I THINK THAT, THEN MAYBE I CAN WIELD MY LANCE A LITTLE BETTER?
...BREAK THAT PROMISE, HUH?

HEY, GOD!
...OR, "MAKING EVERYBODY HAPPY"...
YOU KNOW, "SAVING THE WORLD"...
I JUST WANTED TO SAVE...
I NEVER WANTED TO BE "GOD-LIKE" IN THAT WAY.
...THE FRIENDS AND FAMILY I HAVE CLOSE AT HAND.

ALL I WANTED WAS TO BE A HERO AND PROTECTOR OF JUSTICE IN THAT WAY. THAT'S ALL.
HEY, DAD, LISTEN...
I TOOK DOWN ANOTHER WITCH TODAY...
...AND I SAVED ONE GIRL WHO LOOKED LIKE SHE WAS GOING TO COMMIT SUICIDE.

SO WAS THAT...
...SUCH AN EVIL THING?



MAMI-SAN...?
WHERE HAVE I BEEN...
THIS...
...IS MY HOME.

BA (WHOOSH)
WHOA!?
KANAME-SA—
OH, MAMI-SAN! THANK GOOD-NESS...
? WHAT'S WRONG, KANAME-SAN...?
YOU WERE ASLEEP FOR AN ENTIRE DAY.

WHEN YOU WERE DOWN AND ALL ALONE...
...HOMURA-CHAN WENT IN TO HELP YOU.
...ALONE.....
AKEMI-SAN?
I APOLOGIZE, BUT I BORROWED THE KEY TO YOUR HOME.
I THOUGHT YOU'D SLEEP BETTER IN A ROOM YOU ARE MORE USED TO.
OH, THAT'S RIGHT. I HAD LOST CONSCIOUS-NESS AFTER THAT.
SAY, WHAT ABOUT MIKI-SAN AND SAKURA-SAN?
WEREN'T THEY WITH ME?

WE'RE GLAD THAT AT LEAST YOU WERE SAVED, MAMI-SAN!
SAYAKA MIKI WAS KILLED BY A WITCH.
I DO NOT KNOW...THE WHEREABOUTS OF KYOUKO SAKURA.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WAIT A MINUTE!
YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE I WAS ABLE TO SAVE.
BY THE TIME I WAS ABLE TO FOLLOW, IT WAS TOO LATE.
NEITHER DID YOU, MAMI-SAN...
.....!...
MIKI-SAN WAS KILLED BY A WITCH?
HOMURA-CHAN, YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG!

I DO NOT WANT MADOKA TO KNOW.
NYKIN (SHING)
WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT MIKI-SAN AND THE WITCH...
...SAY, AKEMI-SAN?
LET US DISCUSS THIS IN PRIVATE.
WHAT YOU JUST SAID... YOU ACTUALLY WENT OUT AND CONFIRMED IT?
YOUR FAMILY WILL BE WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
MADOKA...
...YOU SHOULD GO HOME.
...YEAH.
THANKS, HOMURA-CHAN.
.....
IT'S NOT AN EASY TIME FOR YOU, IS IT?
LEAVE THE REST TO ME.

KACHA
(KACHIK)

FIRST, I WANT US TO CLEAR UP THE PRESENT SITUATION.
...SO WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DISCUSS WITH ME ...?

MAMI TOMOE.
WHAT I WANT IS YOUR COOPER-ATION.

GUEST CHARACTER INTRODUCTION

THE SISTER MAGICAL GIRLS AND THEIR WITCHES. THE ONE IN WHITE IS THE OLDER SISTER, AND THE BLACK ONE IS THE YOUNGER. THE OLDER SISTER CAPTURES HER PREY AND MAKES JUICE. THE YOUNGER SISTER DISTILLS NECTAR FROM IT. ONE MAKES PINS, AND THE OTHER IS A PIN CUSHION. THESE SISTERS ALWAYS GET ALONG.

AKEMI-SAN, YOU SAY YOU KNEW...?
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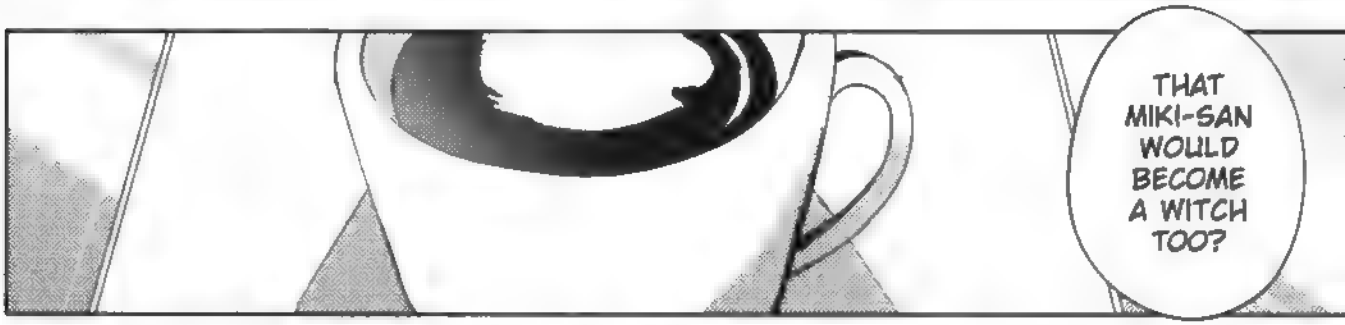

THAT MIKI-SAN WOULD BECOME A WITCH TOO?

YOU KNOW ABOUT ME AS WELL...?

YOU'RE PRETTY LUCKY.

...YES.
HOWEVER, I DID NOT EXPECT YOU TO SURVIVE TODAY'S EVENTS.

SHALL WE GET TO THE POINT?
.....
TO TELL THE TRUTH, IF SAKURA-SAN HADN'T PURIFIED MY SOUL GEM, I WOULDN'T BE HERE.
NO...IT'S NOT THAT I WAS BORN LUCKY.
I'M HERE BECAUSE MY FRIENDS STOOD BY ME.
WALPURGIS NACHT...
IT'S REALLY CLOSE, RIGHT?
THAT IS THE ONLY THING I ASK OF YOU.
AND I WOULD LIKE YOU TO JOIN IN THE EFFORT TOO.
THE REASON I TEAMED WITH KYOUKO SAKURA WAS TO DEFEAT IT.
YES, IT WILL COME SOON.

.....
I WAS WAITING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO INCLUDE YOU.
THAT WAS WHAT WE WERE HOPING TO DO.
WILL YOU AGREE TO COOPERATE?
I UNDER-STAND THAT.
BUT WHY DID YOU KEEP SUCH AN IMPORTANT SECRET FOR SO LONG?
HAD I TOLD YOU, WOULD YOU HAVE TRUSTED MY WORDS?
...I SEE.
I CAN FINALLY PIECE TOGETHER HER ACTIONS.
SAKURA-SAN REMEMBERED.
?
A LONG TIME AGO, THE TWO OF US MADE A PROMISE.
THAT WE'D BOTH TAKE DOWN WALPURGIS NACHT...
...AND PROTECT THE TOWN TOGETHER.
WE ACTUALLY TALKED ABOUT THAT SPECIFICALLY.

...YEAH. I PROMISE.
THAT NEITHER OF US WILL EVER DISAPPEAR ON EACH OTHER AGAIN.
WHEN YOU'RE BACK, I'LL MAKE A CAKE FOR US ALL.
DOES THAT MEAN YOU WILL?
AND RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE ANOTHER PROMISE BETWEEN US.
...DO YOU... DOUBT WHAT I'VE SAID?
I'VE TOLD YOU THAT I DON'T KNOW WHERE KYOUKO SAKURA IS, AND THAT IS TRUE.
NOR DID I SEE SAYAKA MIKI'S WARDS.
I'M NOT DOUBTING YOUR WORDS... THEN WHERE DID THEY GO?
OF COURSE IT'S MY DESTINY TO PROTECT THIS TOWN.
BUT IF THE TWO OF THEM ARE NOT BY MY SIDE ...
...THEN I...
THIS MAY NOT BE SOMETHING I SHOULD MAKE GUESSES ABOUT. HOWEVER...

...WAS YOUR SOUL GEM ACTUALLY PURIFIED?
...EH .....?
YOU SAID THAT KYOUKO SAKURA HAD PURIFIED YOUR SOUL GEM...
...BUT CONSIDERING THE COMPETITION THAT EXISTS FOR GRIEF SEEDS...
...IT MAKES ME WONDER WHETHER SHE HAD THE FORESIGHT TO BRING A GRIEF SEED ALONG.
I AM CERTAIN OF IT. I SAW IT PURIFIED WITH MY OWN EYES.
AND THERE'S NO POSSIBILITY THAT IT COULD HAVE BEEN AN ILLUSION?
...WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
WHAT...ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?
...BUT THAT WOULD MEAN...

...S...
SO YOU THINK THAT SAKURA-SAN KILLED MIKI-SAN?
THERE'S NO WAY SHE WOULD DO SOMETHING THAT CRUEL.
I WONDER.
SO LET'S SAY THAT SHE CARRIED A GRIEF SEED WITH HER...
...THEN SHE COULDN'T HAVE PURIFIED HER OWN GEM AFTER HER BATTLE WITH YOU.
EITHER WAY, I FIND IT DIFFICULT TO CONCLUDE THAT THEY BOTH EMERGED UNHARMED.
.....
WHAT ABOUT MY SOUL GEM?
WHAT ABOUT SAKURA-SAN?
WHAT WITCH'S...
WHOSE...
...GRIEF SEED...?

I'D THINK YOU'D BE HAPPY HAVING SURVIVED...
...MAMI.
...WOULDN'T YOU THINK SO?
YES. OF COURSE I DID.
YOU WITNESSED WHAT HAPPENED NEXT!
KYUBEY...! THAT'S RIGHT! YOU SHOULD HAVE GONE OFF WITH SAKURA-SAN!
BOTH SAYAKA MIKI AND KYOUKO SAKURA HAVE FALLEN.

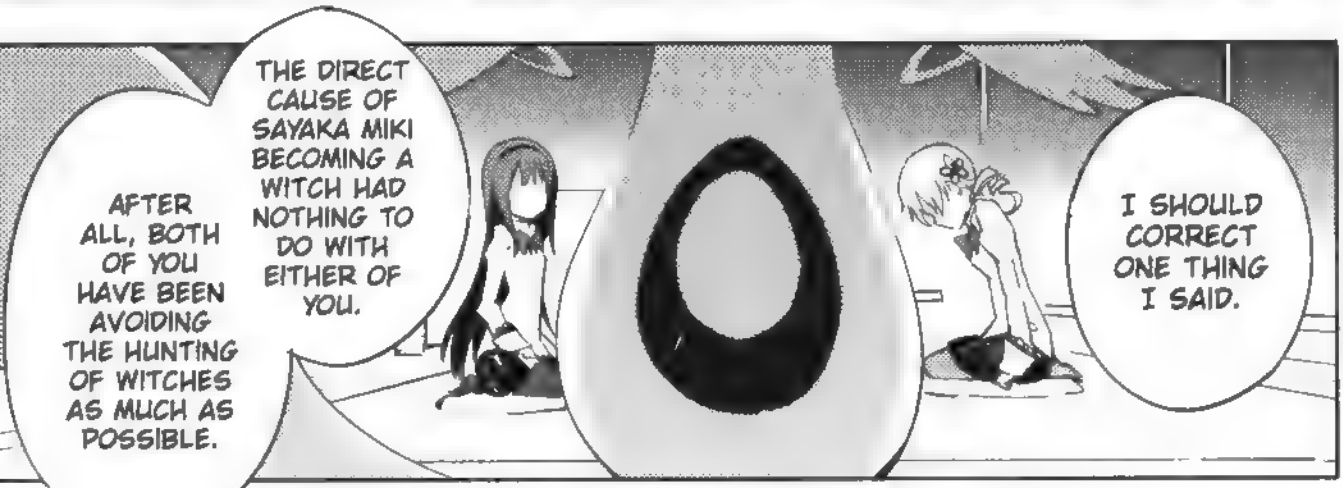
IT WAS A VERY CLOSE THING, THOUGH.
IF I LET MAMI DIE HERE...
...THEN I COULD NEVER FACE SAYAKA.
THIS WAY IS BETTER.
IS THIS REALLY WHAT YOU WANT?
IF IT WEREN'T FOR US TWO STUPID KOUHAI BEING SO STUBBORN AND MANIPULATIVE...
...THEN SHE WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO THIS.
WHAT GOOD'S FAMILY IF THEY CAN'T PAY THEIR DEBTS TO EACH OTHER?

I JUST WANTED AN EXCUSE TO FIND A WAY TO MAKE UP.
I NEVER CARED ABOUT WALPURGIS NACHT ANYWAY.
KON
YOU WERE PROBABLY RIGHT WHEN YOU TOLD ME TO JUST SAY I'M SORRY.
THEN WE MIGHT HAVE HAD FUN TOGETHER.
RIGHT NOW, I DON'T NEED YOU TO FORGIVE ME. IF I SURVIVE, I'LL FIND A WAY TO MAKE IT UP TO YOU.
AND I'LL COME BACK. COUNT ON IT!

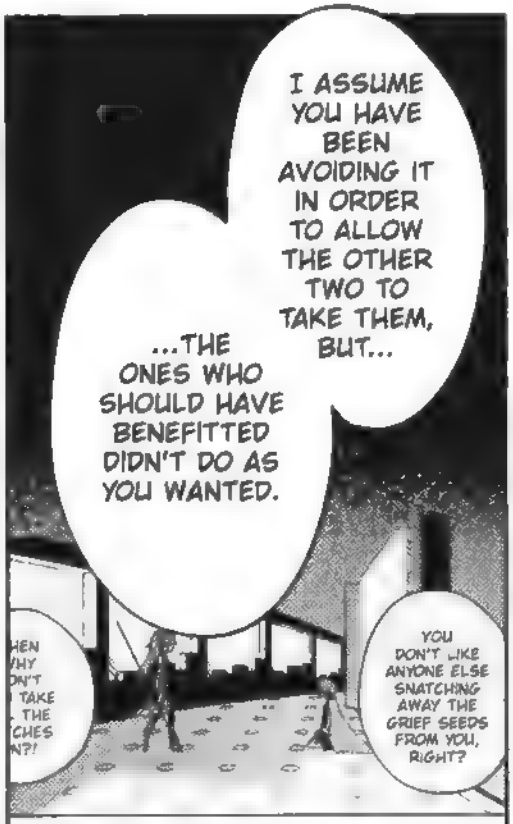
...KYOUKO USED HER MAGIC UNTIL IT WAS COMPLETELY EXHAUSTED, AND SHE BROKE DOWN IN HER FIGHT WITH THE WITCH.

EVENTUALLY SHE MADE IT TO THE WARDS, AND INSIDE THEM...

HAD SHE GATHERED UP EXTRA GRIEF SEEDS LIKE SHE HAD UP TO THAT POINT, SHE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE SURVIVED.
IT WAS FOOLISH OF HER.


AFTER ALL, BOTH OF YOU HAVE BEEN AVOIDING THE HUNTING OF WITCHES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.
THE DIRECT CAUSE OF SAYAKA MIKI BECOMING A WITCH HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH EITHER OF YOU.
I SHOULD CORRECT ONE THING I SAID.

HOWEVER, THAT WAS JUST A BONUS FOR ME.
THE LONGER YOU ADHERED TO THAT PLAN, THE MORE POLLUTED YOUR SOUL GEMS BECAME.
GU (GRIP)


I ASSUME YOU HAVE BEEN AVOIDING IT IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE OTHER TWO TO TAKE THEM, BUT...
...THE ONES WHO SHOULD HAVE BENEFITTED DIDN'T DO AS YOU WANTED.
YOU DON'T LIKE ANYONE ELSE SNATCHING AWAY THE GRIEF SEEDS FROM YOU, RIGHT?

.....!
IF BOTH MAMI AND KYOUKO BECAME WITCHES, THAT WOULD REALLY HELP ME OUT.
KOO (THRUM)

IT'S ALL GOOD IF WE JUST DEFEAT ALL THE WITCHES AND FAMILIARS.
OUR INTERESTS LINE UP PERFECTLY HERE! AND ULTIMATELY WE PROTECT THE TOWN!
IF YOU DO THAT, THEN I CA FOCUS ON HUNTING FAMILIARS

...OUR LIVES ARE!?
JUST HOW CHEAP DO YOU THINK...
I DID NOTHING MORE THAN GRANT YOUR WISHES.
WHY WOULD YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
I DON'T WANT TO LIVE AT THE PRICE OF LOSING THE ONES I LOVE...
TELL ME, WHY ARE YOU SO INTERESTED IN THE LIVES AND DEATHS OF YOUR COMRADES?
I DON'T WANT IT!
I SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO TAKE THE PRICE FOR THE GRANTED WISH.
THE WISHES YOU MADE UPON FULFILLING YOUR CONTRACTS WERE FROM YOUR HEART.

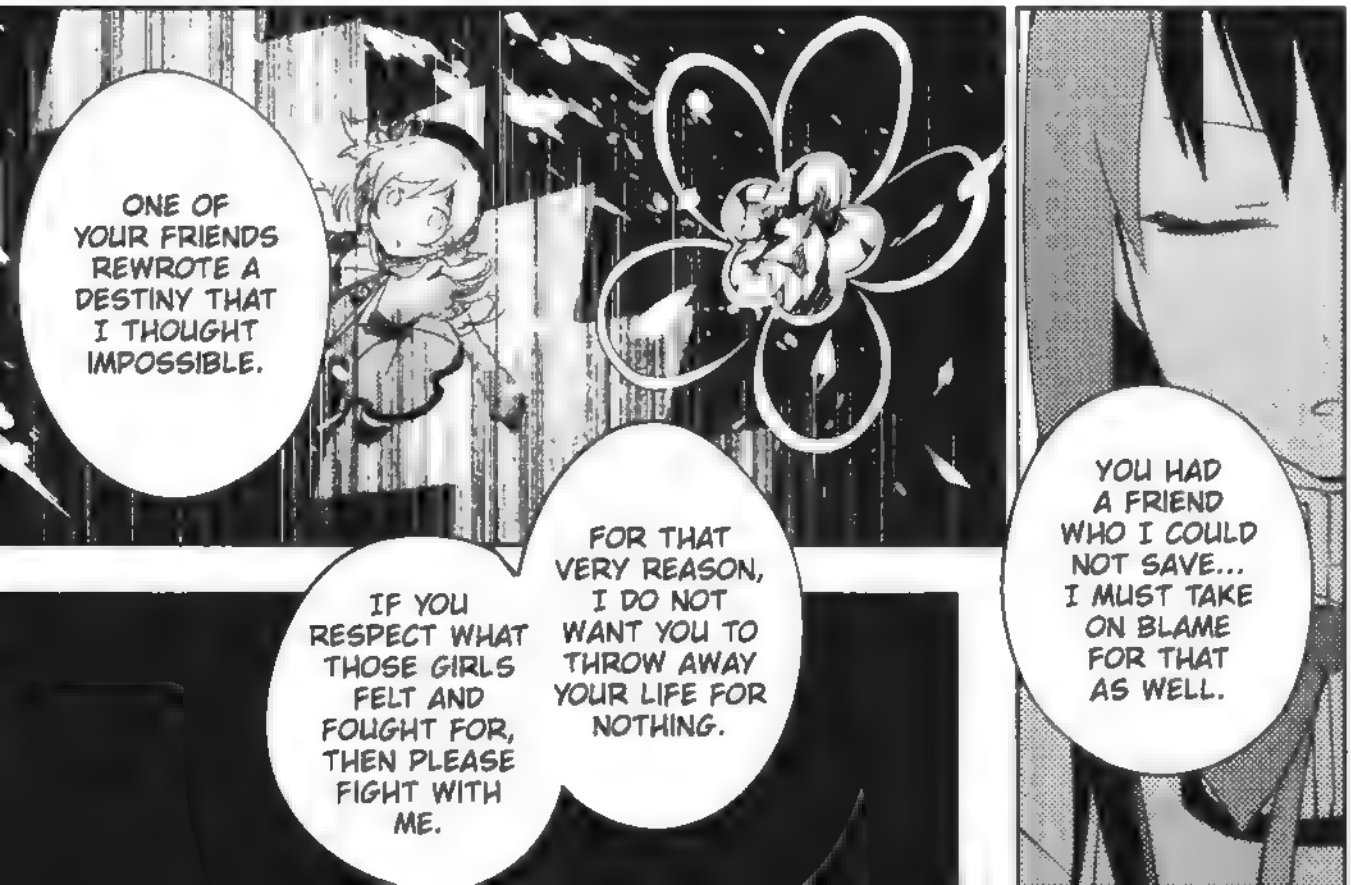
YOU MADE THE WISH TO EXTEND YOUR LIFE.
AND IN EXCHANGE, LOOKING BACK ON IT, YOU PAID FOR THE WISH BY SACRIFICING A HUGE NUMBER OF FORMER MAGICAL GIRLS.
SO A SACRIFICE OF ONLY TWO MORE COMRADES SHOULD BE NOTHING.
...THAT'S TRUE, ISN'T IT?
ALL THIS TIME, I WAS LYING WHEN I SAID THIS WAS FOR JUSTICE.
WHEN ACTUALLY I WAS JUST FIGHTING FOR MYSELF!
WHY IS SOMEBODY SELFISH LIKE ME LEFT BEHIND...
...WHEN THOSE TWO, FIGHTING FOR SOMEBODY ELSE'S SAKE, HAD TO DIE?
THOSE TWO SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE ONES SAVED!
JIRI (CRICK)

I WOULD HAVE BEEN HAPPIER TO HAVE THEM KILL ME!
YOU WANT TO DIE THAT MUCH?
ARE YOU GOING TO... USE THAT TO...
...WHAT?
...KILL ME?
PASHI (SLAP)

KOO (WHOOM)
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!
THERE'S NOBODY ELSE TO DO IT, SO YOU WANT ME TO DO IT?
ONCE WALPURGIS NACHT APPEARS HERE...
...IT WILL MEAN THE SACRIFICE OF SEVERAL THOUSAND PEOPLE IN THIS TOWN!
DON'T GO LOSING YOUR PERSPECTIVE! AND DON'T BE TRICKED BY THAT CREATURE'S WORDS!
I KNOW HOW MANY WITCHES YOU SACRIFICED ...
...AND I ALSO KNOW THE MASSES OF INNOCENT PEOPLE THAT YOU SAVED!
IF YOU DIE HERE AND NOW, THEN IN THAT ONE INSTANT...
...YOU DOOM THOSE PEOPLE YOU'VE PROTECTED SO FAR TO DEATH!

INSTEAD OF RUNNING FROM YOUR IMPOTENCE AND DESTROYING YOURSELF...
...ISN'T IT BETTER TO ACCEPT YOUR WEAKNESS AND DO YOUR BEST TO SURVIVE?
BUT... THOSE GIRLS ...
EVERYONE HAS THINGS THEY CAN AND CAN'T DO!
.....
LONG AGO, I WAS SAVED BY SOMEONE, JUST LIKE YOU WERE.
...SHE GAVE ME BOTH A PROMISE AND THE HOPE TO GO ON LIVING.
IN THE END, SHE WASN'T ABLE TO OVERTHROW HER FATE AS A MAGICAL GIRL, BUT...
...BUT, THERE WAS SOMEONE WHO SAVED ME, EVEN WHEN IT MEANT SACRIFICING A FORMER COMRADE OF HERS.
THERE WAS A BREAK IN A GROUP OF FRIENDS, AND THAT BREAK THREATENED TO CLAIM MY LIFE...

...I DECIDED THAT I WILL NOT THROW AWAY THE LIFE THAT SHE SAVED.
AND UNTIL I CAN CARRY OUT THE PROMISE I MADE WITH HER...
SO IF YOU HAVE A PROMISE YOU MADE...
...THEN I THINK THIS IS THE TIME TO FULFILL IT.
EVEN IF WE ARE SEPARATED BY DEATH, IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT THE EMOTIONS WE SHARED VANISHED TOO!


ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS REWROTE A DESTINY THAT I THOUGHT IMPOSSIBLE.
IF YOU RESPECT WHAT THOSE GIRLS FELT AND FOUGHT FOR, THEN PLEASE FIGHT WITH ME.
FOR THAT VERY REASON, I DO NOT WANT YOU TO THROW AWAY YOUR LIFE FOR NOTHING.
YOU HAD A FRIEND WHO I COULD NOT SAVE... I MUST TAKE ON BLAME FOR THAT AS WELL.

I'M SORRY.
I MUST APOLOGIZE FOR THAT. I WAS CARRIED AWAY BY EMOTION.
ARE YOU A LITTLE CALMER NOW?
THIS FEELS VERY STRANGE.
BEFORE, IT WAS ALWAYS YOU TEACHING ME.
WELL, THAT'S MY FAULT.
...NEVER MIND.
?
...I SEE. ALL RIGHT.
I'D LIKE TO KEEP MY SITUATION FROM HER FOR HER OWN PEACE OF MIND.
THE THINGS WE DISCUSSED... I'D RATHER YOU NOT RELAY THEM TO MADOKA KANAME.
—I'LL BE BACK TO VISIT TOMORROW.
COULD YOU DECIDE TO COOPERATE WITH ME BY THEN...?

I'LL LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR ANSWER.
IF IT WERE ME...
COULD YOU LEAVE NOW?
I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY TO YOU RIGHT NOW.
LEAVE ME ALONE.
...IS THAT RIGHT?
WILL YOU BE TEAMING UP WITH HOMURA AKEMI?

KIN
(CREAK)
I DON'T MIND LEAVING YOU ALONE, BUT...
...HAS SOME BUSINESS WITH YOU.
...IT LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE...

YES, BUT I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU.
KANAME-SAN, WEREN'T YOU HEADED HOME?
THERE WAS SOMETHING I NEEDED YOU TO HEAR, MAMI-SAN.
NEEDED ME TO HEAR?
I COULDN'T... TELL YOU OR SAYAKA-CHAN ALL THIS TIME...
...SO I KEPT IT A SECRET.
I MADE FRIENDS WITH KYOUKO SAKURA.

UM...

I MET KYOUKO-CHAN...
...AFTER WE WERE SAVED BY HOMURA-CHAN AND KYOUKO-CHAN.

YOU'RE SAKURA-SAN, AREN'T YOU?

THANK YOU FOR YESTERDAY... YOU SAVED US...
YOU WANNA THANK SOMEBODY, THANK HOMURA.
I WAS JUST OUT HUNTING WITCHES.

OH, I HAVEN'T INTRODUCED MYSELF.
MY NAME IS MADOKA KANAME.

CALL ME KYOUKO. I DON'T LIKE THAT OTHER NAME.
...BUT SAKURA-SAN, YOU...

AH... UM...
NOW WE GET THIS AWKWARD SILENCE.
BUT I WAS THE ONE WHO STARTED THE CONVERSATION, SO...
.....
THERE'S SOMETHING I BEEN WONDERING.
SO WHY ARE YOU FOLLOWING THEM AROUND?
YOU NEVER REALLY WANTED TO BECOME A MAGICAL GIRL FROM THE START, DID YOU?
...HOW DID YOU KNOW?
JUST A HUNCH.
.....EH...?

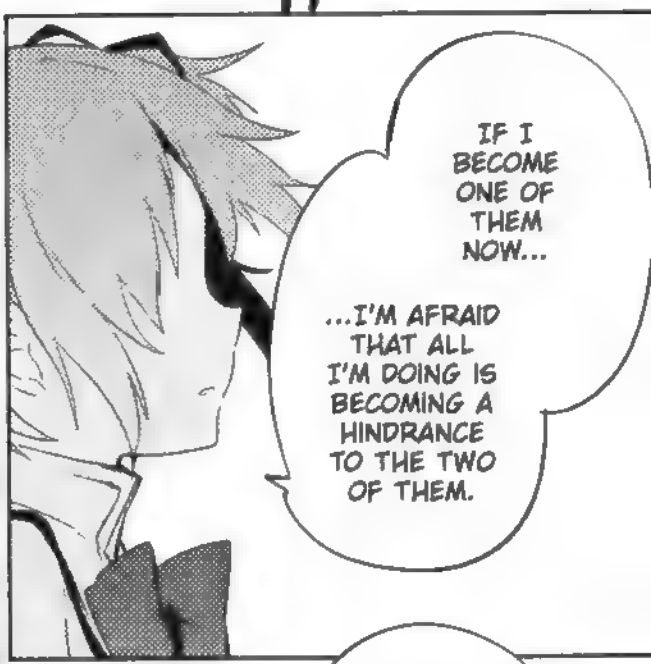
AND I WAS ALWAYS FOLLOWING ON SAYAKA-CHAN'S TAIL.
...SAYAKA-CHAN HAS BEEN A FRIEND EVER SINCE GRADE SCHOOL.
WE WERE FRIENDS, BUT I ALWAYS THOUGHT OF HER AS COOL AND WANTED TO BE LIKE HER.
IF ANYTHING THE LEAST BIT BAD CAME ALONG, SAYAKA WOULD PROTECT ME.
ON THE OTHER HAND, I WAS ALWAYS IN EVERYBODY ELSE'S WAY, AND I COULDN'T COME TO LIKE MYSELF.
I NEVER HAD ANY TALENTS.
ALL I HAD WAS A VAGUE DESIRE TO BE OF USE TO PEOPLE.
IT WAS THEN THAT WE MET MAMI-SAN.

IF I BECAME A MAGICAL GIRL...
...I COULD BECOME COOL LIKE MAMI-SAN AND SAYAKA-CHAN.
...TOLD US ABOUT MAGICAL GIRLS AND HOW I HAD THE MAKINGS TO BE ONE.
AT THAT POINT, KYUBEY...
I WAS SO SURPRISED AND HAPPY.
BUT THEN...
AND STARTING THEN, LITTLE BY LITTLE...
...I FELT SAYAKA-CHAN GROWING MORE DISTANT FROM ME.
...OF THE TWO OF US, THE ONE WHO BECAME A MAGICAL GIRL FIRST WAS...
THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE, HUH, MAMI-SAN?

AFTER SHE TEAMED UP WITH MAMI-SAN, SHE BECAME EVEN BETTER.
YOU'RE MAKING FAST PROGRESS!
YOU REALLY THINK SO?
SAYAKA-CHAN WAS ALWAYS THE PROTECTOR, AND THEN SHE BECAME A MAGICAL GIRL...
LET'S ALWAYS WORK TOGETHER, MAMI-SAN!

BY THAT TIME, I FOUND IT HARD TO SAY I WANTED TO BE A MAGICAL GIRL.

...HERE I'M SPILLING OUT MY LIFE'S STORY...
OH NO! SORRY!
WE'VE HARDLY EVER TALKED BEFORE, BUT...


IF I BECOME ONE OF THEM NOW...
...I'M AFRAID THAT ALL I'M DOING IS BECOMING A HINDRANCE TO THE TWO OF THEM.

THEY WORK TOGETHER SO WELL, I DON'T WANT TO BE THE ONE THROWING A WRENCH IN THE MACHINERY.

SU
(SST)

WANT SOME?
HERE.

AS MAMI'S DISCIPLE...
...I RESPECTED HER STRENGTH AND RELIABILITY.
I WISHED I COULD BE LIKE HER.

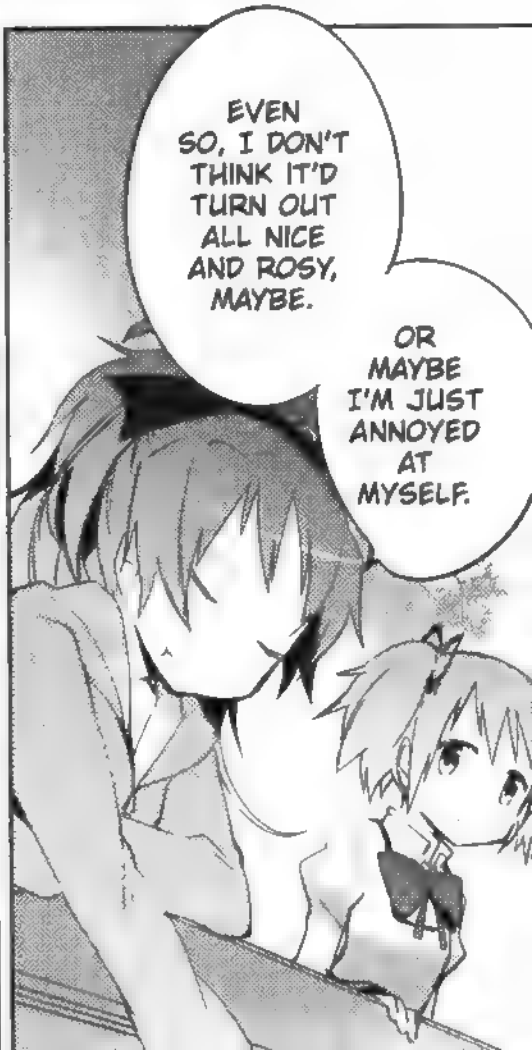
BUT STUFF HAPPENED, AND I COULDN'T STAY WITH HER.

YOU HEARD THAT MAMI AND I WERE A TEAM BEFORE, RIGHT?
YES. MAMI-SAN MENTIONED IT BRIEFLY...

I WAS HOPING SHE'D FIND A DIFFERENT PARTNER ...
...BUT WHEN WE MET UP LATER, I DIDN'T LIKE THE WAY SHE AND HER PARTNER WERE ACTING.
AND I SAID A BUNCH OF THINGS I DIDN'T MEAN AND MADE HER ANGRY.

MAYBE I SHOULDA TRIED TO CONVINCE HER RATHER THAN PUSH HER BUTTONS.
BUT I JUST WENT AND PICKED A FIGHT INSTEAD AND SPLIT.
IF I CAME BACK NOW WITH A DIFFERENT ATTITUDE, THEY'D JUST LAUGH, AND THAT'D ANNOY ME.

...YOU KNOW, I THOUGHT...
...THAT YOU WERE THE TYPE TO PICK ON OTHER PEOPLE...
...


EVEN SO, I DON'T THINK IT'D TURN OUT ALL NICE AND ROSY, MAYBE.
OR MAYBE I'M JUST ANNOYED AT MYSELF.

...BUT YOU REALLY AREN'T, ARE YOU?

LET'S NOT SPREAD AROUND THE FACT THAT WE MET UP TODAY. IT'LL JUST BE A PAIN TO EXPLAIN.
YEAH, THAT'S FINE WITH ME. I'D LIKE TO KEEP THE THINGS I TOLD YOU A SECRET TOO.
IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME.
SO YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT THOSE TWO, HUH?
SOMEHOW THAT'S A BIG LOAD OFF MY MIND!
SORRY! THAT WAS RUDE, HUH?
HUH?
THEN WE'RE GOING TO BE SECRET FRIENDS, AREN'T WE?
Y-YEAH, RIGHT...
LET'S GIVE IT OUR BEST!
WE'LL BE FRIENDS UNTIL WE CAN FACE OUR OWN FEELINGS.
...AND WE'D TALK ABOUT ALL KINDS OF THINGS.
AFTER THAT, I WOULD MEET UP WITH KYOUKO-CHAN, ONLY EVERY SO OFTEN...

SAYAKA-CHAN WOULD DO THINGS LIKE THAT TO MAKE US ALL LAUGH, BUT SHE WORRIED ABOUT US TWICE AS MUCH AS NORMAL PEOPLE.

AH HA HA!
THAT WAS PRETTY DUMB OF HER...

MAMI-SAN, ONE'S GETTING AWAY.
THIS IS LEGARE VASTA AREA!
WHEN SHE GOT CARRIED AWAY, SHE'D MISS DETAILS...
...ALTHOUGH I DON'T THINK SHE EVER REALIZED IT.
AND MAMI-SAN ISN'T WHAT YOU'D EXPECT EITHER...

...HOW IMPORTANT MAMI-SAN IS TO YOU, KYOUKO-SAN.
ALSO, I'M GLAD I LEARNED ...

I GET THE FEELING I GOT A BUNCH OF WRONG IMPRESSIONS ABOUT SAYAKA.
IT MIGHT BE A GOOD THING WE TALKED.
I GET THE FEELING I COULD BE BETTER FRIENDS WITH MAMI-SAN TOO.

SHE AND I DON'T MIX.
COULDN'T YOU AND SHE GET TOGETHER AND...
...SAY...

...ARE JUST A VERY LIMITED NUMBER OF VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE.
I REFUSE TO RISK MY LIFE FOR THE SAKE OF SOMEBODY ELSE.
ALL THAT CRAP ABOUT BEING A HERO OR PROTECTING EVERYBODY'S LIVES...
THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN RISK THEIR LIVES FOR SOMETHING LIKE THAT ...
AND I'M NOT ONE OF THEM.
WHEN I'M DONE DOING WHAT I GOTTA DO, I'M GOING BACK TO KAZAMINO.
.....
I MET A BUNCH OF MAGICAL GIRLS, AND I NEVER MET ANYONE ELSE WHO WAS SPECIAL LIKE MAMI.
AND TO TELL THE TRUTH, I'D RATHER NOT SEE SAYAKA ACT LIKE MAMI.

MAMI-SAN WOULDN'T THINK THAT...
...MUST BE PRETTY ANNOYING TO HER.
I'M A PART OF THE PAST SHE WANTS TO FORGET, AND FOR ME TO BE PRANCING AROUND HER TOWN...

YOU SHOULDN'T STICK YOUR NOSE INTO THIS.
YOU MAY HAVE HAD ONE FALLING OUT BACK THERE, BUT...
...IF YOU'D TALK IT OUT, THEN MAMI-SAN WOULD UNDER-STAND, AND...
I KNOW YOU DON'T! YOU WANT TO TEAM UP AND FIGHT WITH HER AGAIN!
BUT YOU DON'T WANT THAT, DO YOU, KYOUKO-CHAN?

YOU BETTER GO HOME NOW. YOU CAN'T GO WORRYING YOUR FAMILY LIKE THIS!
YOU GOT SCHOOL TOMORROW, RIGHT?

AND DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT MAMI AND SAYAKA.
IF THEY WERE TO GET INTO A JAM, I'LL FIND A WAY TO GET THEM OUT OF IT.

AFTER THAT, I NEVER HEARD FROM KYOUKO-CHAN AGAIN.
YOU GOT THAT NORMAL, EVERYDAY LIFE KINDA HAPPINESS THING GOING ON. DON'T THROW IT AWAY!
HERE I WENT ON TELLING EVERYONE TO BE FRIENDS ...
...BUT I WAS THE ONE WHO LACKED THE COURAGE TO REALLY BE FRIENDS.
I'M SORRY TO HAVE KEPT IT FROM YOU.
BUT NOW, IT'S DIFFERENT!
I'VE BEEN THINKING A LOT OF THINGS OVER...
...AND I KNOW WHAT I WANT TO DO.
IT'S FOR SAYAKA-CHAN'S SAKE...
FOR THE SAKE OF EVERYBODY I LOVE, I WANT TO BE A MAGICAL GIRL!

I WAS SOMEBODY WHO SAYAKA-CHAN ALWAYS HAD TO SAVE...
...SO NOW THAT SAYAKA-CHAN'S IN TROUBLE, I WANT TO HELP!
BUT EVEN SO, I HELD BACK FROM THE TWO OF YOU AND PLAYED THE OUTSIDER...
...LETTING YOU DO ALL THE PROTECTING, MAMI-SAN!
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF SAYAKA-CHAN...
...FROM NOW ON.

...IF I DID WHAT MY HEART TOLD ME AND JOINED UP WITH YOU...
...THEN MAYBE SAYAKA-CHAN MIGHT NOT HAVE BECOME A WITCH AND...

I KNOW IT'S LATE...
...BUT...

I THINK THAT IS A VERY BAD IDEA.
SO I...

IF YOU BECOME A MAGICAL GIRL FOR THE SAKE OF SOMEONE ELSE, THEN THE TIME WILL COME WHEN YOUR WISH WILL BETRAY YOU.
I MORE THAN SYMPATHIZE WITH YOUR WISH TO SAVE MIKI-SAN.
BUT FOR YOU TO BECOME A MAGICAL GIRL, IT MEANS PLACING YOU IN THE SAME DANGER MIKI-SAN FACED.
I REFUSE TO LOSE YOU TOO!
...I THOUGHT THAT'S WHAT YOU'D SAY.
BUT THE REASON I WANT TO BECOME A MAGICAL GIRL...
...ISN'T JUST FOR SAYAKA-CHAN'S SAKE.
I WANT YOU, MAMI-SAN, TO RETURN TO BEING A NORMAL GIRL.

I SEE YOU BOTH GOING THROUGH LOTS OF TOUGH, PAINFUL TIMES.
AND THINGS DON'T ALWAYS GO THE WAY YOU WANT THEM TO.
I KNOW ALREADY THAT BEING A MAGICAL GIRL ISN'T ALL GOOD.

...AND DOING IT ALONE BEFORE YOU MET UP WITH US WHILE YOU PROTECTED THIS TOWN.
BUT MAMI-SAN, YOU WERE SUFFERING THROUGH THOSE PAINS...

YOU MUST BE LONELY, BUT I'M SURE YOU DON'T DARE SAY THAT TO ANYONE.
AND I IMAGINE THAT THERE ARE THINGS YOU'D LIKE TO DO...
... EVERYDAY THINGS THAT YOU'VE BEEN HOLDING BACK FROM.

...YOU CONTINUED TO FIGHT AS A MAGICAL GIRL. JUST HOW DIFFICULT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN...
WITHOUT HAVING A FAMILY TO SAY GOOD MORNING TO OR WELCOME YOU BACK WHEN YOU CAME HOME...

...I WIND UP CRYING.
WHEN I TRY TO THINK OF THINGS FROM YOUR POINT OF VIEW...

I WANT YOU TO MAKE MEMORIES OF NORMAL HAPPINESS.
JOIN A CLUB AND GIVE IT YOUR ALL.
GO OUT AND HAVE FUN WITH YOUR CLASS-MATES.
...I WANT YOU TO DO NORMAL THINGS, MAMI-SAN!
SO AFTER ALL THAT PAIN...
I CAN'T CHANGE YOU OUT OF BEING A MAGICAL GIRL...
...OR BECOME YOUR FAMILY...
...BUT I CAN TAKE YOUR PLACE AND FIGHT.

...
FIGHT
ANY-
MORE!
I HATE
IT...
I DON'T
WANT
TO KILL
WITCHES!
I DON'T...
I DON'T
WANT TO
FIGHT
ANYMORE!
IT'S ALL
RIGHT
NOW.
THANKS
FROM ALL
OF US IN
THE TOWN
THAT YOU
PROTECTED.
THANK
YOU,
MAMI-
SAN.

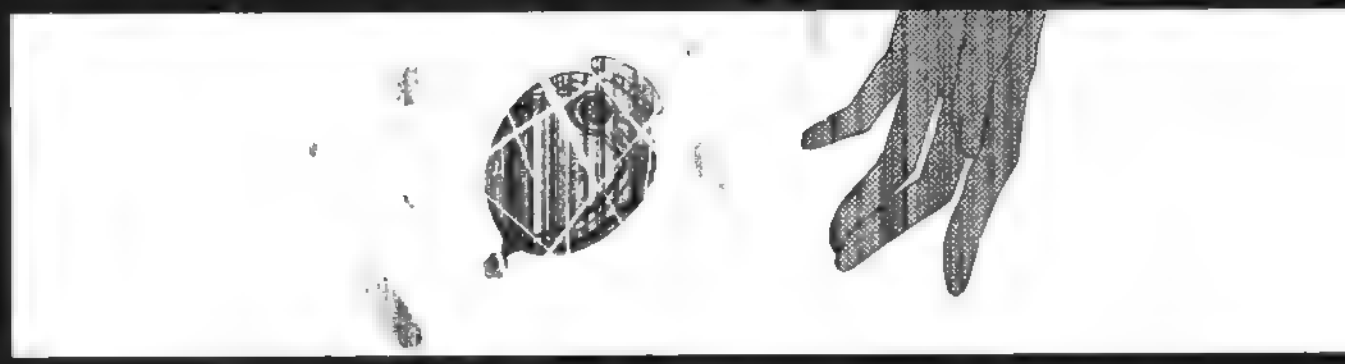
THANK YOU FOR PROTECTING US!
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT ANYMORE, MAMI.
MADOKA KANAME HAS HIDDEN POWER FAR SURPASSING ANYTHING YOU HAVE.

WHAT'S WRONG, MADOKA?
WE HAVE TO DO OUR BEST NOW...
...SORRY.
I WAS JUST REMEMBERING MAMI-SAN.
... YEAH. IT'S TOUGH, HUH?
THAT'S WHAT I DECIDED WHEN I BECAME A MAGICAL GIRL.
BUT WHATEVER HAPPENS, WE WON'T HAVE REGRETS.

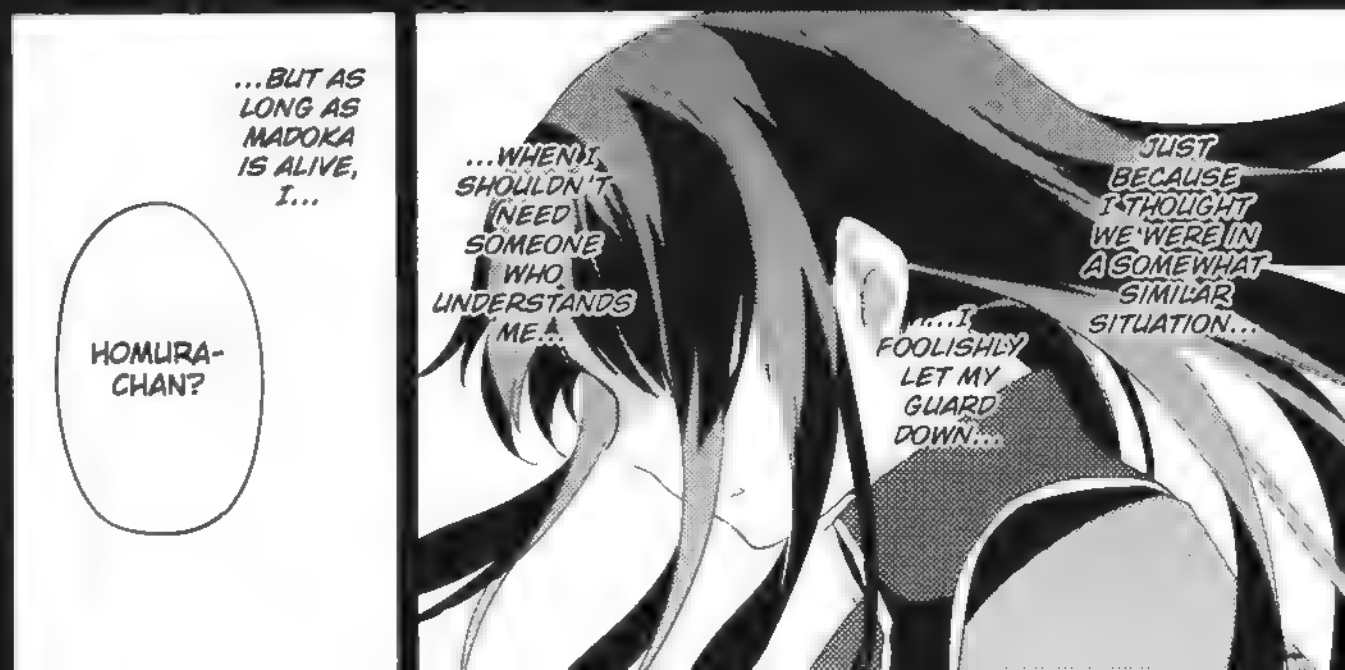
MAMI TOMOE AND I NEVER COULD BECOME FRIENDS.
...TO FILL THE HOLE THAT MAMI-SAN LEFT, PROTECTING THIS TOWN.

IT WAS MAMI TOMOE'S WORDS AND ACTIONS THAT INSPIRED MADOKA KANAME...

...THEN FOR THE SAKE OF SAYAKA MIKI, MADOKA KANAME BECAME A MAGICAL GIRL...



THEN MAMI TOMOE LEFT HER LAST REQUEST AND DESTROYED HER SOUL GEM HERSELF.


...BUT AS LONG AS MADOKA IS ALIVE, I...
HOMURA-CHAN?
...WHEN I SHOULDN'T NEED SOMEONE WHO UNDERSTANDS ME...
.....I FOOLISHLY LET MY GUARD DOWN...
JUST BECAUSE I THOUGHT WE WERE IN A SOMEWHAT SIMILAR SITUATION...

... MADOKA ...
HOMURA-CHAN, EVERY-THING'S ALL RIGHT.
WHAT'S WRONG?
LISTEN, I MADE A PROMISE TO MAMI-SAN.
I PROMISED THAT I'D PROTECT EVERYONE!
SO I...
THAT IS WHAT IS WRONG...
DON (DOOM)
WHAT ARE YOU SO DEPRESSED ABOUT, HOMURA?
IF YOU FIGHT AGAINST WALPURGIS NACHT, YOU'LL...
IT ISN'T TOO LATE! YOU COULD RUN AWAY NOW!

WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN IF WE WORK TOGETHER!
YOU'RE THE "SENPAI" HERE. SO WHAT GOOD'S IT GONNA DO FOR YOU TO GET ALL WEAK NOW?
AM I REALLY THAT UN-RELIABLE?
...SAYA-KA MIKI...
ALL THE THINGS THAT WERE PENT UP INSIDE ME GOT BLOWN AWAY.
THAT WITCH WOULDA GOT ME IF IT WEREN'T FOR MADOKA.
YOU WANNA PROTECT MADOKA. WELL, SO DO I!
...BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER. I ALSO REMEM-BER GETTING SAVED BY YOU ONCE TOO. I OWE YOU...
WELL... IT'S TRUE THAT I DON'T REALLY REMEMBER WHEN SHE RESCUED ME...
...AND I'LL PAY YOU BACK.

SHALL WE GO?
...UNDERSTOOD.
MADOKA, I WILL PROTECT YOU.
I'LL BE THE ONE PROTECTING MADOKA!
BUZO (WHOOSH)
LET'S GO, BOTH OF YOU!

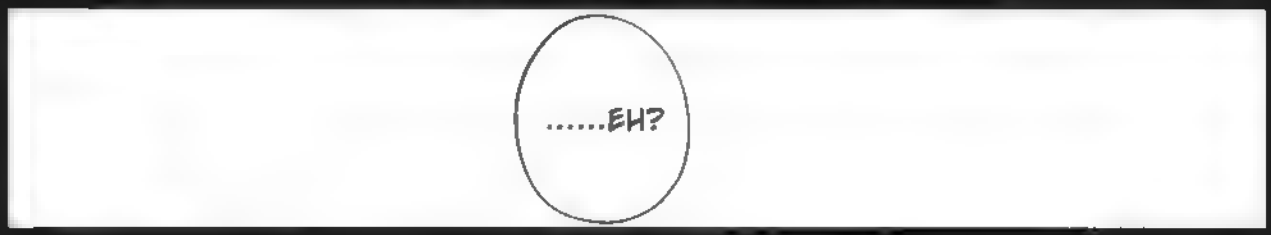
I SHALL NOT SURRENDER SO EASILY.
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I MUST RELIVE IT.
I HAVE BUT ONE THING THAT I MUST DO.

EVERYONE, FIRST I HAVE TO APOLOGIZE TO YOU ALL.

SORRY THAT I CAN'T HELP YOU. I CAN'T KILL WITCHES ANYMORE, SO PLEASE FORGIVE ME.

IT WAS ONLY FOR A BRIEF TIME, BUT I'M HAPPY THAT I MET YOU ALL.

I HAD THOUGHT THAT BEING A MAGICAL GIRL WAS JUST A LONELY, PAINFUL EXISTENCE...



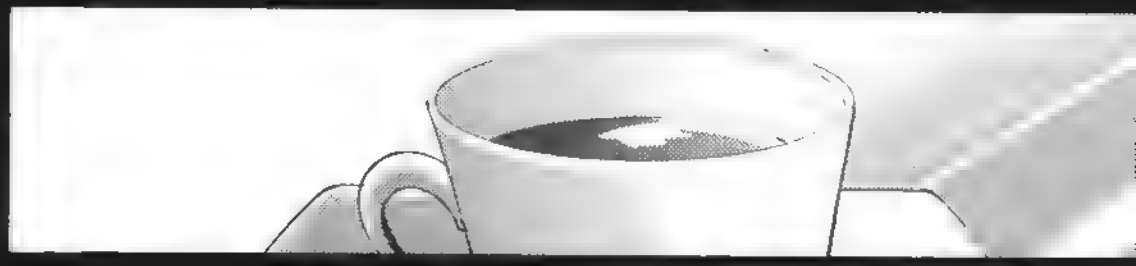
BUT AFTER I MET YOU ALL, I WASN'T LONELY ANYMORE.

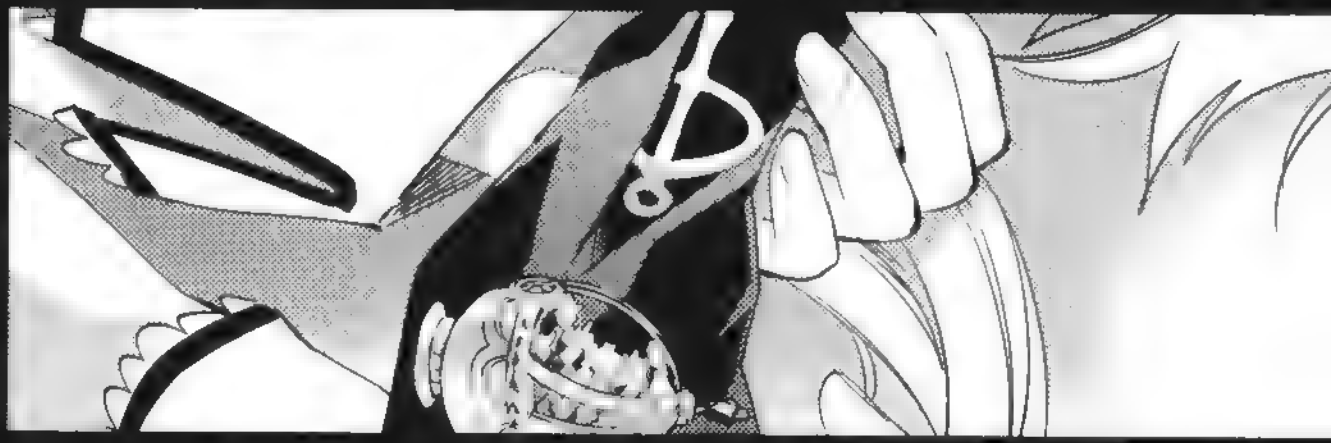
WE DID BUMP HEADS FROM TIME TO TIME...BUT THAT'S OKAY TOO.

I MEAN, WHEN I THINK OF IT ALL...

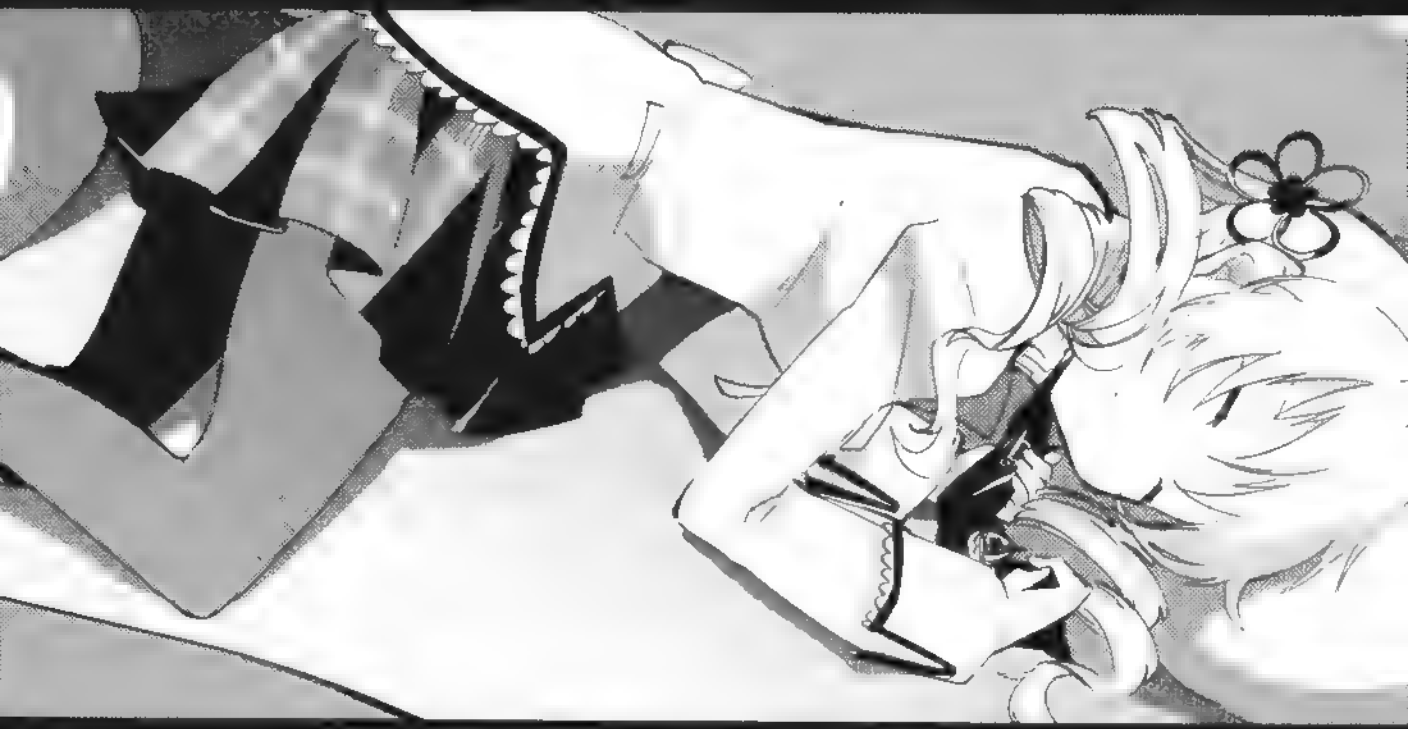
WELCOME BACK!

...I REALIZED THAT THERE WERE PEOPLE WHO CARED ABOUT ME.





...I THINK THAT IF I COULD HAVE ANY WISH IN THE WORLD...



I WOULD WISH THAT I HAD MET YOU ALL
IN A WORLD WITHOUT WITCHES.

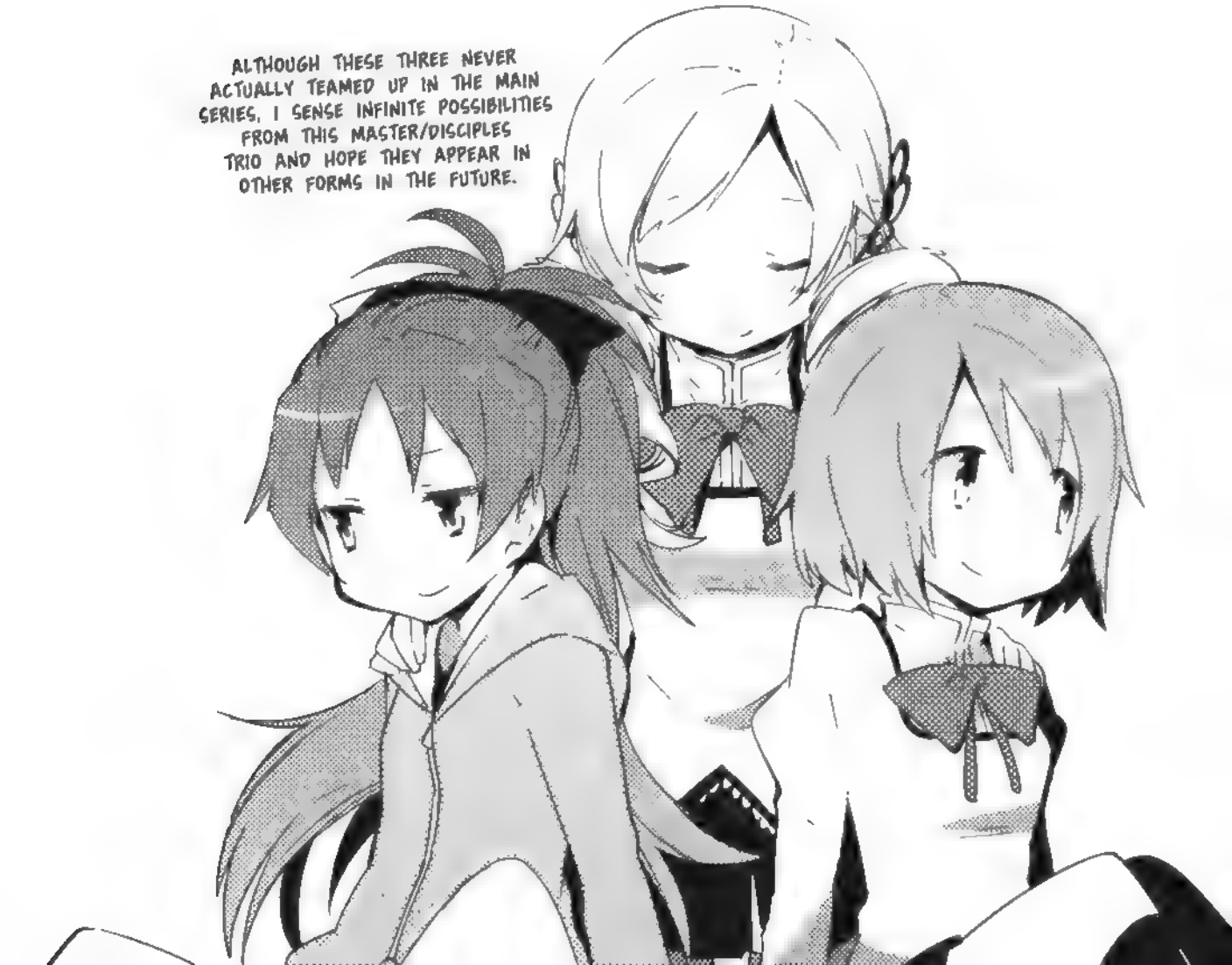
Puella Magi Madoka☆Magica ~The different story~
THE END

THANK YOU FOR STICKING WITH US ALL THE WAY TO THE FINAL VOLUME!

THIS MADOKA MAGICA ~THE DIFFERENT STORY~ WAS DEVELOPED WITH THE CONCEPT OF, "WHAT IF MAMI TOMOE HAD SURVIVED THE BATTLE IN CHAPTER 3 OF THE MAIN STORY?" AND THEY LET ME DRAW MY STORY BASED ON THAT.

WHEN DRAWING IT, I MADE A DECISION TO NOT INCLUDE THE SAME KIND OF HEARTBREAK THAT I USED WHEN I WAS DRAWING THE MANGA ADAPTATION OF THE MAIN SERIES. BUT THEN I REALIZED THAT I MADE IT A DIFFERENT KIND OF HEARTBREAK. I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT. IT'S A WORLD WITH A ZERO-SUM GAME OF HOPE TO DESPAIR, SO I WAS HOPING THAT I COULD SHOW YOU SOME NEW THINGS THAT MIGHT BE GAINED AND LOST IN THIS STORY. IN THE END, IT WOULD MAKE ME VERY HAPPY IF YOU READ THIS SPIN-OFF AND CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE ORIGINAL WAS EVEN BETTER THAN YOU THOUGHT.

IF THIS MANGA BROUGHT YOU DOWN, I THINK READING HOUBUNSHA'S KIRARA MAGICA AND OTHER ANTHOLOGIES WILL LIFT YOUR SPIRITS AGAIN.


ALTHOUGH THESE THREE NEVER ACTUALLY TEAMED UP IN THE MAIN SERIES, I SENSE INFINITE POSSIBILITIES FROM THIS MASTER/DISCIPLES TRIO AND HOPE THEY APPEAR IN OTHER FORMS IN THE FUTURE.

PUELLA MAGI

MADOKA★MAGICA

~The different story~

THIS WORK IS A BRAND-NEW SPIN-OFF
BASED ON THE ORIGINAL STORY.

ONCE THEY RECEIVE A JOB, THEY SEE IT THROUGH TO THE END, NOT HOLDING BACK ANY DIRTY TRICK! THEY ARE A SECRET ORGANIZATION THAT CALLS THEMSELVES THE PM! THEIR MISSION THIS TIME, HALTING THE ARRANGED POLITICAL WEDDING BETWEEN QUEEN MAMI AND PRINCE SAYAKA.
THE BOSS (KB) ADDED, "I'D LIKE TO HAVE THIS DONE AS QUIETLY AS POSSIBLE, IF YOU GET MY DRIFT." AND A HARSH ORDER CAME DOWN FROM THE COMMANDER, CODE-NAMED K, WHO SAID THAT AS LONG AS THE MISSION IS SUCCESSFUL, "I DON'T CARE IF THEY COME OUT OF IT ALIVE OR DEAD!" IT SEEMS THAT THERE IS SOME HISTORY BETWEEN THE QUEEN AND K.
H SAID, "DON'T ALLOW YOUR PERSONAL FEELINGS TO INTERFERE WITH THE CONDUCT OF THIS MISSION. YOU WERE HIRED FOR YOUR LANCE, NOT YOUR GRUDGES." K REPLIED, "DAMMIT... YEAH, I KNOW, BUT WHAT SHE DID IS..."
IT WAS A SACRED MARRIAGE CONTRACT THAT WAS SIGNED BEFORE THE GODDESS, AND EVERY ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S CITIZENS KNEW ABOUT IT.
AND THAT STANDS AGAINST THE AGENTS AND WEAPONRY OF THE SECRET ORGANIZATION!
SEE THE EMOTIONAL FINAL CHAPTER OF THIS TALE FULL OF THRILLS AND ACTION!!
STORY THUS FAR!

NEVER! I'D RATHER DIE THAN TO EVER BE PARTED FROM MIKI-SAN!!
GAK!
WILL YOU GET SMART, MAMI... AND GET AWAY FROM SAYAKA!!
ZABAAAA (ZWAAM)
HOMURA, DON'T! NOOOOO!!!
THEN YOU'LL GET YOUR WISH!
THE GODDESS IS WATCHING EVERY MOVE YOU MAKE, HOMU-RAAAA!!
...
AND I'M TELLING YOU NOT TO, GOT IT!?
SHE SAYS SHE WANTS TO DIE, SO I'M JUST HELPING OUT, RIGHT?
SAYAKAAA! MAMI-SAN, RUUUN! SHE'S OUT TO KILL YOU!!
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